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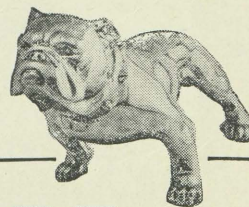


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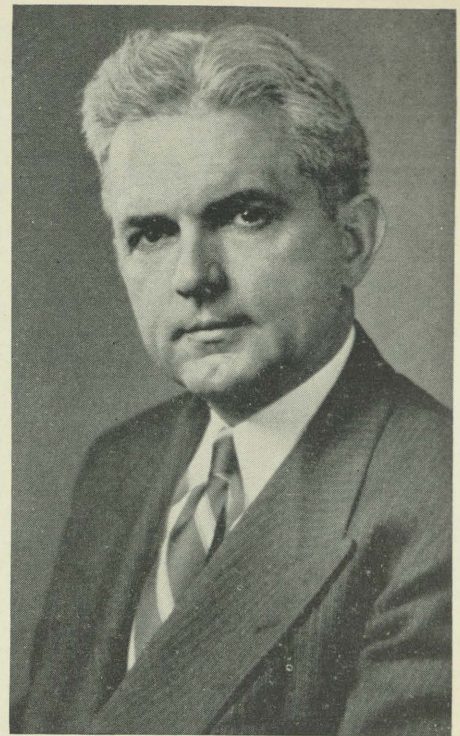
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OUR COVER PICTURE

Governor Spessard L. Holland, to whom this issue is dedicated. On page 11 starts a review of the Holland administration and following that is a summary of activities of the different State departments under Governor Holland's administration.

FLORIDA HIGHWAYS HAS BIRTHDAY

This issue of Florida Highways is No. 1 of Volume 13 and it is particularly appropriate that we enter upon our thirteenth year of service to the State with this edition dedicated to Governor Holland. He, as is true with other State department heads, has encouraged the publication in its efforts to foster and publicize the State, its government and its industries.

ON PURPOSE

Applying for a life insurance policy, the Texas cowboy had just assured the examiner that he hadn't met with any accidents in the past two years.

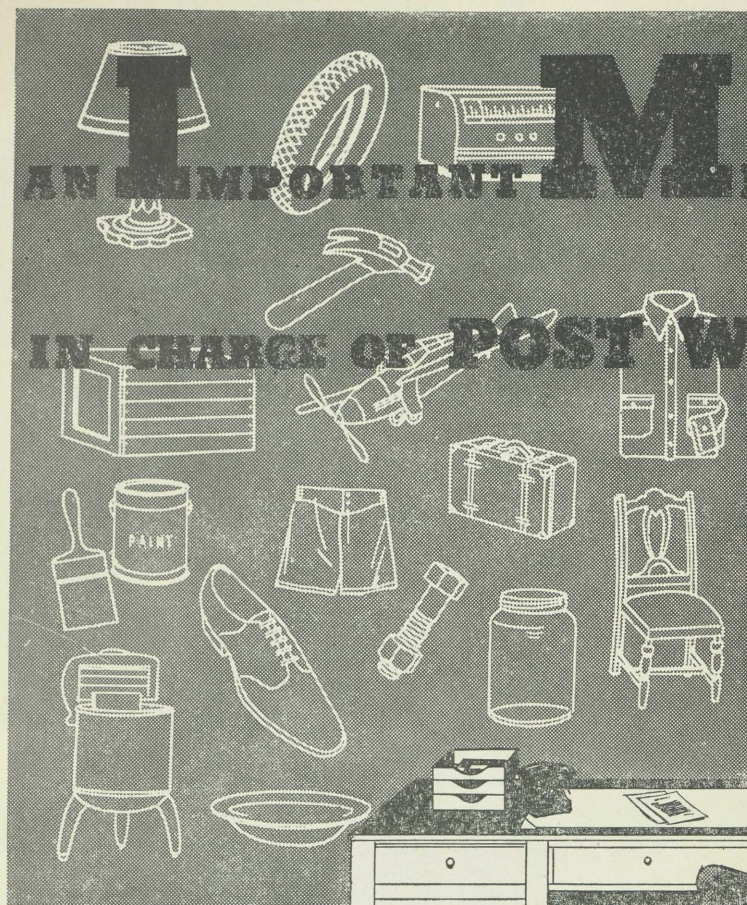
"Nothing serious has happened to you recently, then?" queried the insurance man.

"Well," began the cowhand, "my horse kicked me last fall and caved in two ribs, and a rattlesnake bit me on the ankle this summer."

"Don't you call those accidents?" cried the examiner angrily.

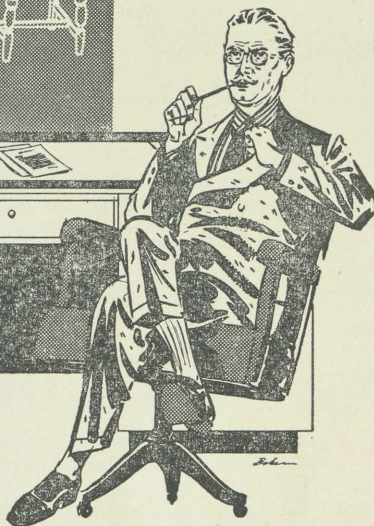
"Accidents, heck!" returned the Texan. "They did it on purpose!"

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We Salute You,
GOVERNOR HOLLAND

We join with other citizens of the State in thanking you for the business-like administration of Florida's affairs during the four years of your term now drawing to a close. Your conscientious leadership and faithful adherence to principles of good government has endeared you to citizens of every section of our great State.

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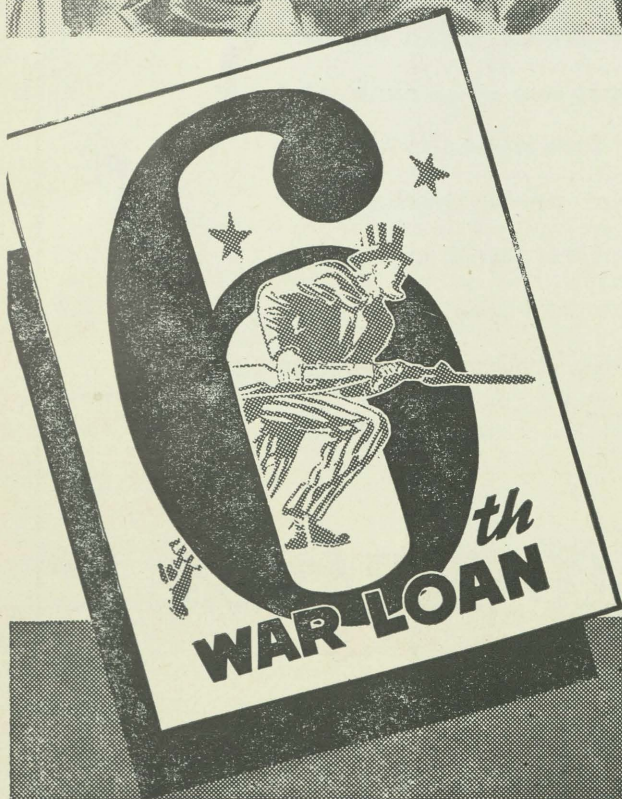


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EDITORIALS

A FINE RECORD OF STATE MANAGEMENT

THERE IS JUST one point of difference among citizens of Florida when the administration of Governor Spessard L. Holland is under discussion. Everyone agrees that this has been a fine, progressive, business-like administration. Even those who opposed the candidacy of the present governor four years ago last spring admit it. Even those legislators who opposed some of his measures at the 1941 and 1943 sessions admit their worst fears have not materialized and his program has worked out better than they expected. There is general and unanimous agreement that he has done a fine job. The only debatable question is the point in history selected by the individual citizen as the time since which this has been the best administration of the State's affairs.

Some who were special friends and admirers of recent governors say that, with this or that exception, no other governor has done as good a job as Governor Holland. Others, who may have long memories or be close students of Florida history, go way back to the turn of the century or even to earlier dates to declare that no governor since has come up to Holland's mark. It is not the expression of an editorial opinion but simply a reporter's observation to say that no one disagrees when the Holland administration is praised as one of the finest and most constructive in the history of Florida.

Governor Holland would be the last to claim all the credit for the accomplishments of his administration. He frequently cites the able assistance he has had from the "Cabinet," from his "Little Cabinet," from members of other boards and commissions and from other friends. It is true, of course, that all governors need and get a lot of help and no governor logically can be given personal and individual credit for all that is accomplished under his leadership and direction. It is just as true that the governor is responsible for his entire administration and that he takes the first step in directing it to success when he selects and names his closest advisors and aides. After this, it is the governor's personal interest, supervision, direction and leadership that keep the whole organization working smoothly and moving in the right direction.

It is not possible to sum up the Holland administration in one short formula for success. The task of the governor is many-sided and complex. He must be a sort of general manager of a 100-million dollar business, a chief executive with responsibilities in the affairs of the State legislature and 67 counties, an envoy extraordinary to important conferences in other sections of the country, a leader in every State-wide official and civic undertaking. His head must be full of facts and plans, his tongue quick and ready, his suitcase almost always packed.

On Governor Holland's desk there is a celebrated "eight-ball" and, in one sense, he has been behind it for nearly four years as all governors, who take their job seriously, are but he has constantly been right "on the ball"—that other ball those stay on who get things done.

Governor Holland's accomplishments are briefly outlined in the separate articles of this issue of Florida Highways. His successful legislative program is described in the leading article and the records made by the more important State departments are outlined under the other headings. It would serve no purpose to duplicate here references to the achievements which the reader will find set forth on other pages of this magazine but, without going into detail, it may be said that the Holland administration has:

Administered the business affairs of the State government and the State institutions ably, efficiently and economically;

Established a solid basis for debt retirement in legislation and organic law which already has saved the people of the State millions of dollars and which will continue to pile up savings for decades to come;

Rescued and rebuilt a tottering ad valorem system of taxation so substantially that the structure will last for generations;

Built more roads than any previous administration and preserved the State's previous heavy investment in highways under strenuous wartime use;

Planned wisely for peace and set aside surplus funds to make job opportunities and build necessary facilities when war ends.

These are but the high spots of the Holland administration's achievements in the internal affairs of the State. Governor Holland has excelled, too, in the important leadership he has provided in what may be termed the field of "extra-curricular" activities.

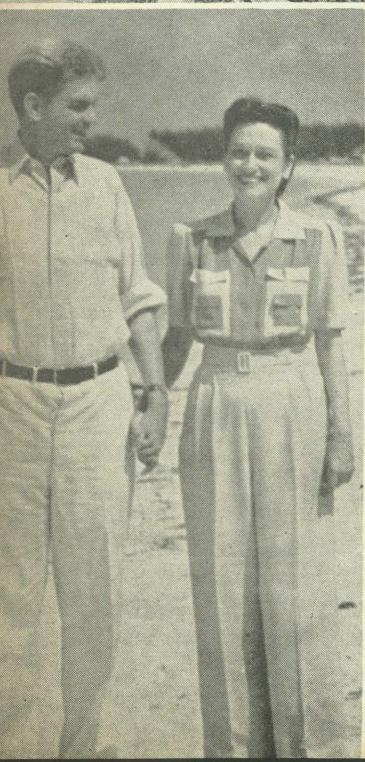
On many trips to Washington and to conferences of governors and other meetings, Governor Holland has made a vital contribution to the causes in which Florida shares interests with the South and other States and has accomplished much of great and lasting benefit to our own State.

Because of the unusual conditions which prevail in Florida our State requires able representation when adjustments must be made to fit our needs. Governor Holland appeared before many Federal agencies and was instrumental in obtaining modifications necessary to our agriculture, industry and trade.

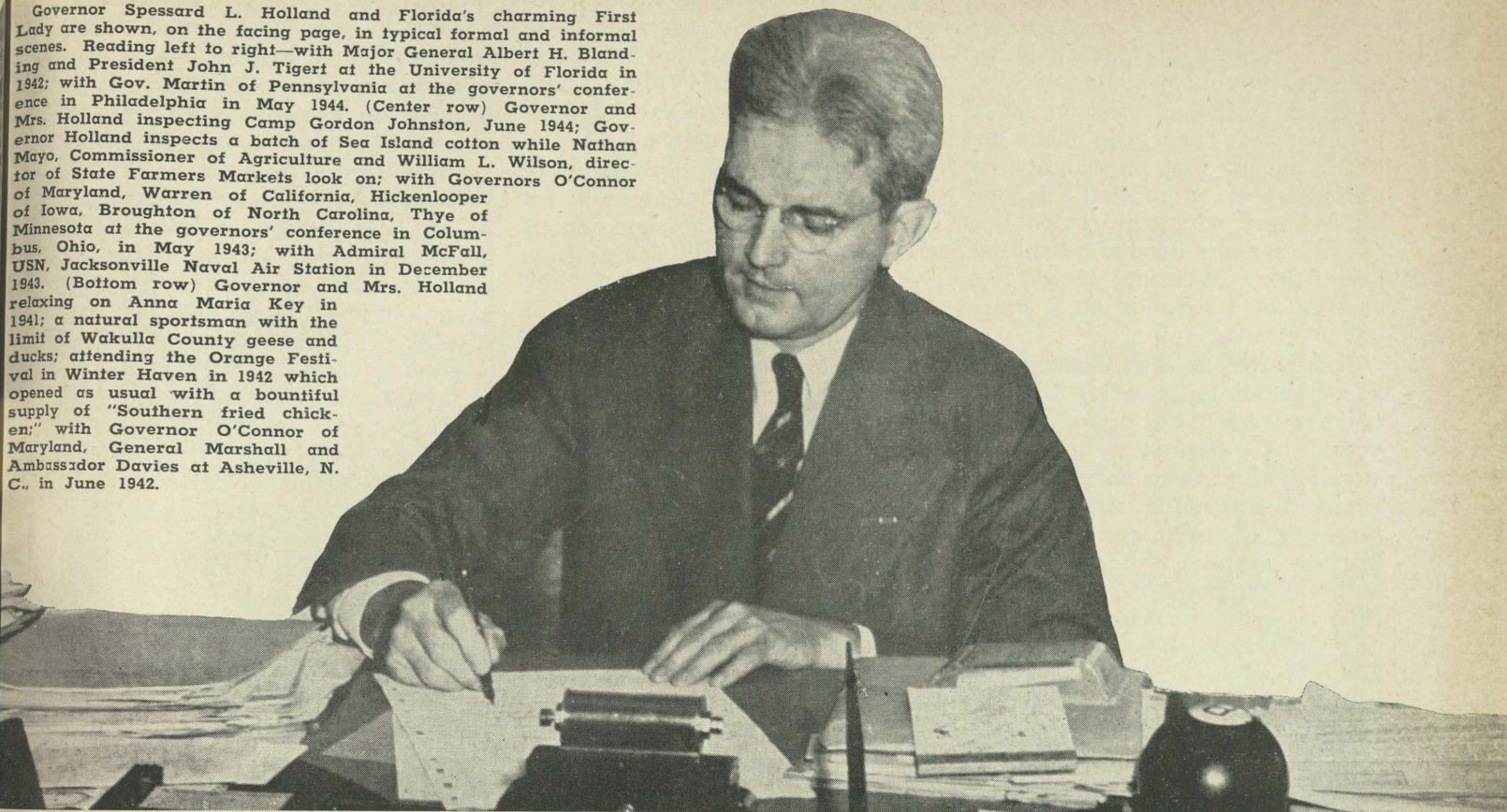
Some of Governor Holland's successful services were in connection with:

Changes in transportation rules to enable heavier train schedules to and from Florida in the winter months to fit the State's unusual seasonal requirements;

Quick decisions by mili- (Continued on page 53)



Governor Spessard L. Holland and Florida's charming First Lady are shown, on the facing page, in typical formal and informal scenes. Reading left to right—with Major General Albert H. Blanding and President John J. Tigert at the University of Florida in 1942; with Gov. Martin of Pennsylvania at the governors' conference in Philadelphia in May 1944. (Center row) Governor and Mrs. Holland inspecting Camp Gordon Johnston, June 1944; Governor Holland inspects a batch of Sea Island cotton while Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture and William L. Wilson, director of State Farmers Markets look on; with Governors O'Connor of Maryland, Warren of California, Hickenlooper of Iowa, Broughton of North Carolina, Thye of Minnesota at the governors' conference in Columbus, Ohio, in May 1943; with Admiral McFall, USN, Jacksonville Naval Air Station in December 1943. (Bottom row) Governor and Mrs. Holland relaxing on Anna Maria Key in 1941; a natural sportsman with the limit of Wakulla County geese and ducks; attending the Orange Festival in Winter Haven in 1942 which opened as usual with a bountiful supply of "Southern fried chicken;" with Governor O'Connor of Maryland, General Marshall and Ambassador Davies at Asheville, N. C., in June 1942.



Four Fruitful Years . . .

THE ADMINISTRATION of Governor Spessard L. Holland is now drawing to a close and is even stronger in public esteem than when it began four years ago. During his four-year term, Governor Holland and his administration have directed the affairs of the State of Florida efficiently and economically, with savings to the taxpayers of millions in bond refunding and stabilization of the credit structure of the various counties and in the strengthening of the State tax structure.

The Holland administration has erected a sound legislative foundation designed to carry a modern governmental structure adequate to the needs of an expanding population and built to last for generations.

The Holland administration has met the impact of war and has carried the State safely through these trying years of conflict, leaving plans for post-war readjustments and providing a large amount of

cash to assist in financing and completing the program. The Holland administration began operating with a depleted general fund treasury and with unpaid bills against this account of more than \$1,500,000. It will leave office with all general fund bills paid and \$8,352,378.26 cash on hand as of October 30.

This record of good stewardship cannot be fully presented in the limited space of this article. However, the highlights of this administration included the following definite accomplishments:

Gasoline Tax Laws and County Bonds

Out of a rich experience gained in dealing with the legislative problem of financing roads and funding county road and bridge bond debts, Governor Holland strongly recommended a series of laws intended to correct and strengthen the county road bond debt structure. County road bonds

of the various counties were previously supported by a statutory grant of three cents of the State gasoline tax of indefinite duration and, because of outstanding refunding contracts with high interest rates on these bonds and because of irregular maturities, many of the counties were levying ad valorem taxes to supplement their retirement. Under a constitutional amendment, with necessary laws to support the same, recommended and vigorously supported by Governor Holland, this situation has been greatly improved. Under this legislation, the Board of Administration receives two cents for a period of 50 years, instead of three cents for an uncertain time, with the power to refund for the counties at lower rates of interest which resulted in relieving the counties of levying ad valorem taxes for this purpose and allowed the savings to be distributed as surplus. This legislation has enabled the Board of Administra-

tion to meet all the necessary retirements and to refund with average savings in interest of better than 2½ percent per annum. Since adoption of the amendment no ad valorem levy has been made for bonds except that one county required a levy of one mill this year for interest payments which materially benefits its credit standing, permitting refunding of a large amount of its bonds at a much lower interest rate.

This series of laws, earmarking a portion of the gasoline tax and bond retirement for a period of 50 years, has stabilized the credit standing of all the counties of Florida and this situation will continue to improve and will also provide surplus funds for road building purposes in the various counties after the annual bond retirements have been anticipated. These surplus accounts have already provided more than \$5,250,000, distributed for road work.

Notwithstanding curtailment of gasoline consumption because of war rationing, the revenues from these laws have reduced the total indebtedness of the various counties by \$17,000,000 in principal and \$45,000,000 in interest and, at the same time, saved the ad valorem taxpayer many millions of dollars. These benefits will continue to accrue during the entire 50 years of the life of the amendment and will provide additional millions of dollars for road building purposes out of the surplus saved by the amendment.

Roads and Bridges

Handicapped by wartime shortages of manpower, supplies and equipment, the State Road Department geared itself for war effort, and with quiet efficiency, maintained in serviceable condition 8,300 miles of State-maintained highways and connecting bridges which were required to carry extraordinary strains from heavy transportation of freight and military needs.

Under the necessities of war, the department built and rebuilt, at an average greater width and under modern standards of alignment, more miles of first-class highways than in any previous administration. Under good management,

and with the aid of one cent of gas tax formerly used on road bonds, it has built up a balance of approximately \$14,000,000 which is available for post-war highway and bridge construction."

Under the strong leadership of Governor Holland, tolls were lifted from Gandy Bridge and Davis Causeway across Old Tampa Bay, the Pensacola Bay Bridge, the Mathers Bridge and Heckscher Drive, a toll road. A notable achievement has been the completion of the Overseas Highway, linking the military fortress of Key West with the mainland of Florida, thus opening a potential route for a continental highway and ferry service between North and South America.

A great contribution to the welfare of the municipalities was made by a law, strongly recommended by Governor Holland, providing for the building or rebuilding of connecting links on the State-maintained system of highways within the limits of the various cities and towns. This program, now underway, will provide modern streets on the highway system through the various municipalities at the expense of the State gasoline tax.

The legislature enacted a law controlling outdoor signs which, in effect, cleared State highways of excessive advertising matter, permitting an orderly and controlled method of locating billboards. This legislation required the State Road Department to administer its functions and the rights-of-way of our various highways now have been improved in appearance and safety.

Tax Program

The administration of Governor Spessard Holland found a tax structure that was outmoded and in serious need of adjustment and one of his first recommendations on assuming office was the establishment of a sound and uniform system for the State and counties, designed to provide sufficient revenues for local functions, including schools, and to make readjustments necessitated by the elimination of ad valorem millage for State purposes. This plan also included the elimination of the gross

receipt tax law so unpopular among the merchants of Florida. Under his legislative program, county tax assessments were brought to the full 100 percent valuation supported by safeguard against excessive millage levies. Collection was greatly strengthened by simplification of procedure and tightening of measures necessary for collection. Under the previous low level valuations the constitutional homestead exemption of \$5,000 actually permitted homes of far greater value to escape tax levies to support schools and other local functions. Under the new assessment law the homesteads valued at more than \$5,000 were taxed their just proportion for such purposes. Both real and personal property which were not on the rolls were forced back and kept there. This considerably equalized the tax burdens between the various taxpayers and stabilized the financial condition of the various counties.

The intangible tax structure was improved by the ratification of an amendment recommended by the governor reducing the maximum levy permitted on intangibles from 5 mills to 2 mills which gave our potential residents and citizens assurance that the intangible tax structure would not become confiscatory and thus bolstered the Florida constitutional amendment prohibiting the levy of an income tax. Previous to Governor Holland's administration the actual levy on intangibles was 2 mills, based on a spotty valuation, which produced only \$1,000,000 per annum, all of which came to the State. Under the tax legislation of Governor Holland requiring 100 percent valuations and with 1941 intangible tax bill allocating 25 percent of the revenue from this source to the counties, it was possible to reduce the millage to 1 mill and to increase the collections from this source to \$2,000,000. The intangible tax levy now is one-half of the millage that is permitted under the new intangible tax constitutional amendment.

Schools

During the four years of the Holland administration the public schools system of the State has

survived the stress of war and its inroads upon teacher personnel and is in a much stronger financial position than that in which it was found at the beginning of the term. Improvements included:

County financial support of schools increased by 88.4 percent, due to the new tax system and its

higher assessments and tighter collections, a gain in revenue from local sources from \$8,502,161 for 1940-41 to \$12,250,000 anticipated for the present fiscal year.

Teachers' salaries increased by an average of 26.2 percent during the first three years, with an actual budgeted increase this year of

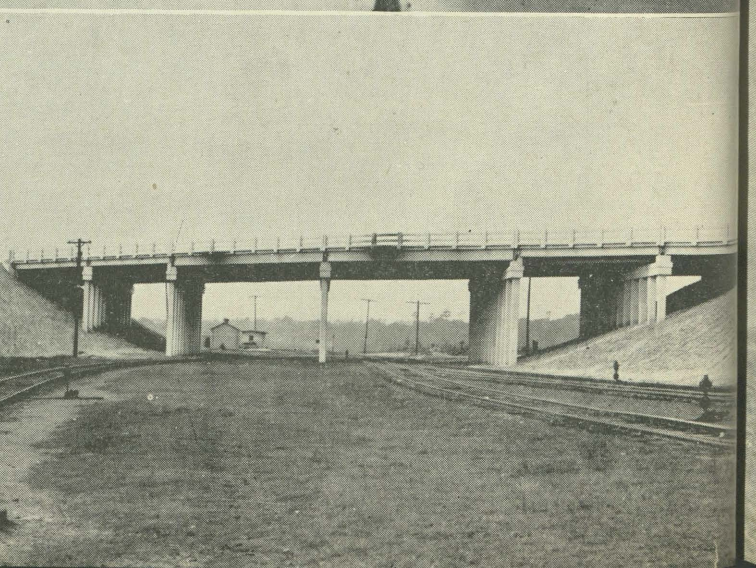
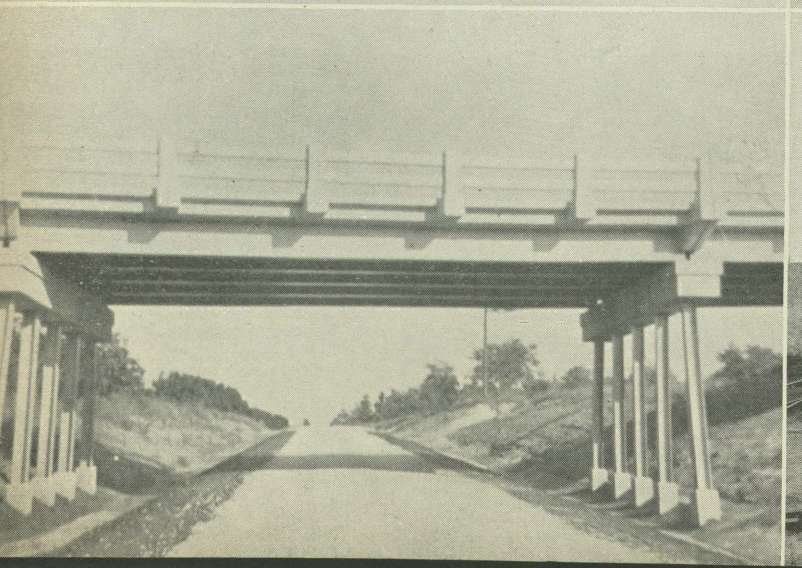
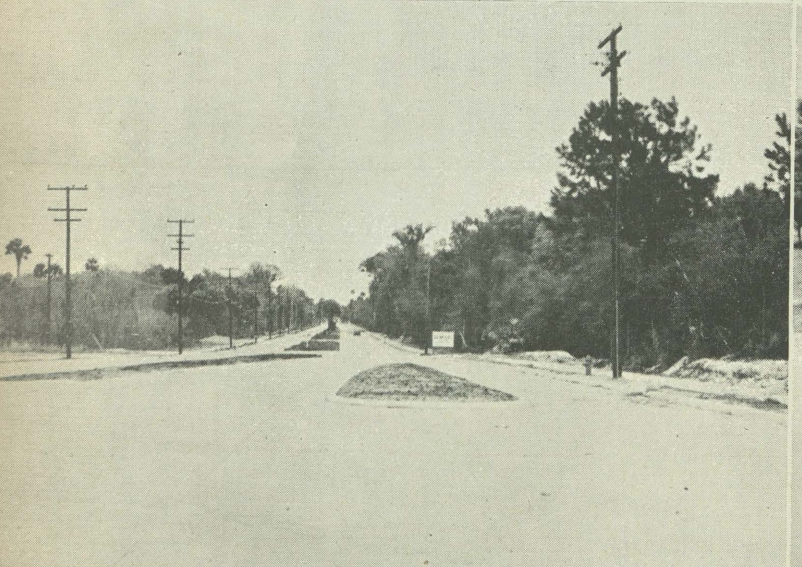
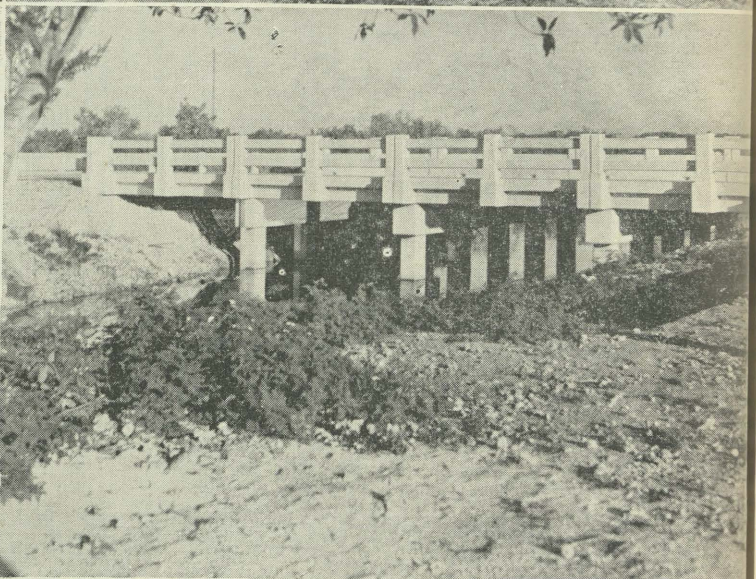
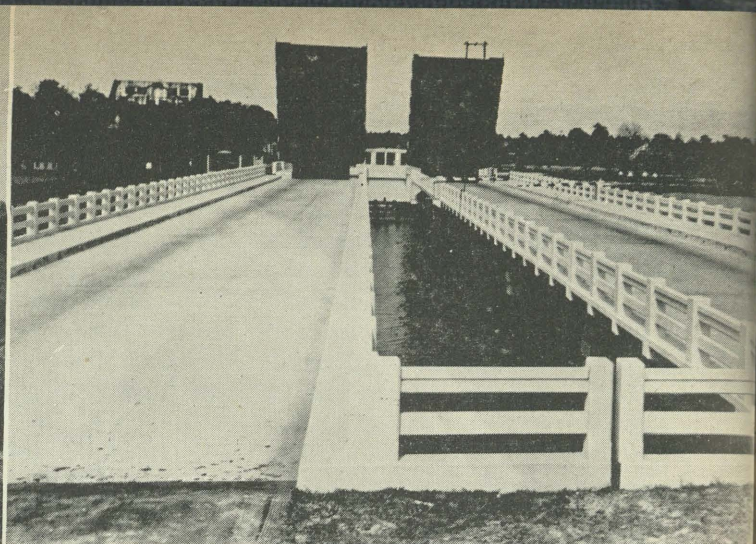
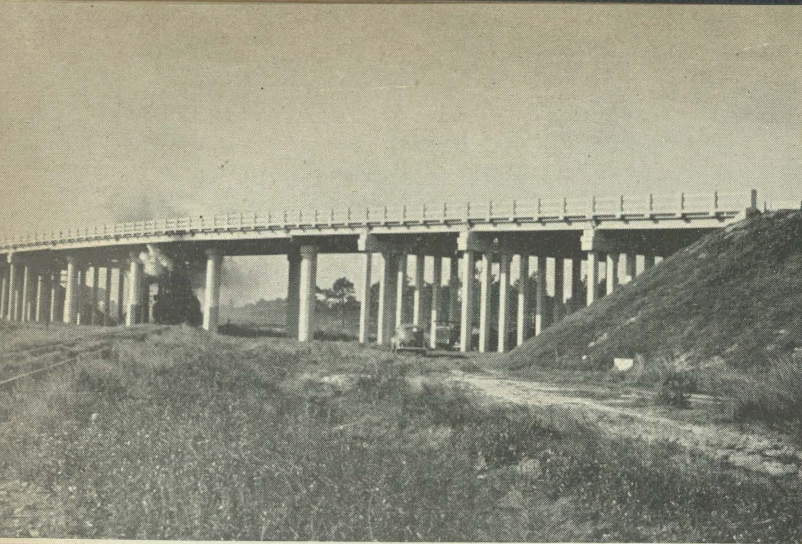
an additional 11.5 percent above last year. Appropriations doubled for school textbooks to be supplied without charge to pupils.

The teachers' retirement system was put in full force and effect in January 1941, immediately after Governor Holland's inauguration

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FLORIDA'S FIRST LADY: Mrs. Spessard L. Holland, and daughters, Miss Mary Groover Holland and Miss Ivanhoe Holland in an informal pose in the Executive Mansion grounds. Insets: Lieutenant Spessard Lindsey Holland, USMC, and William Benjamin Holland, sons of Governor and Mrs. Holland.





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Road Building Sets Record..

THE STATE ROAD Department under Governor Spessard L. Holland constructed or reconstructed and opened to traffic 1,560 miles of highways costing \$44,535,729.70. The State of Florida furnished \$29,140,878.53 and the Federal government \$15,394,851.17.

During 1941 the State Road Department built or rebuilt 618 miles costing \$11,377,130.91 of which the State paid \$9,418,966.65 and the Federal government \$1,958,164.26.

During 1942 the State Road Department built or rebuilt 286 miles costing \$9,085,907.64 of which the State paid \$6,536,609.12 and the Federal government \$2,549,298.52.

During 1943 the State Road Department built or rebuilt 200 miles costing \$11,682,484.10 of which the State paid \$6,602,268.82 and the

Federal government \$5,080,215.28.

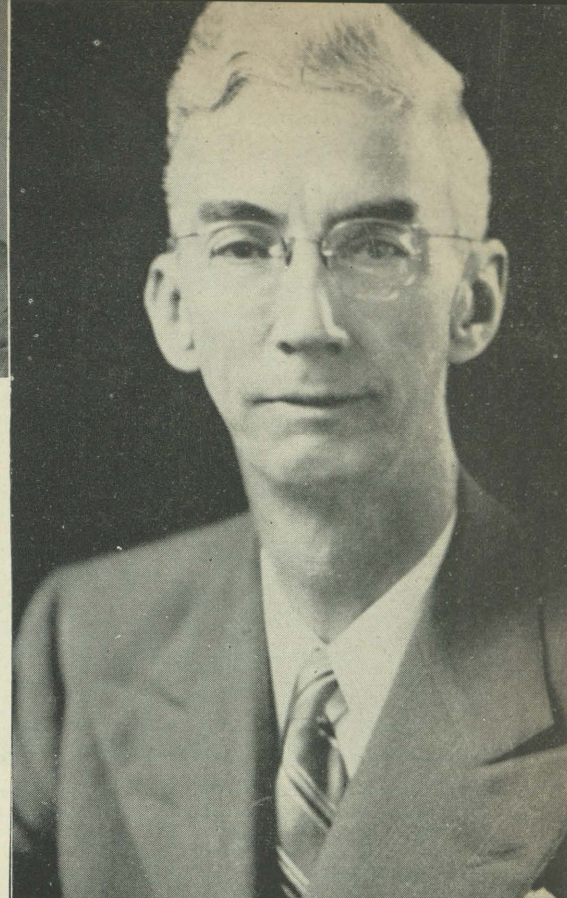
During 1944, as of August 31, 1944 the State Road Department built or rebuilt 306 miles costing \$8,260,207.05 and, under contract which will be completed as of December 31, 1944, an additional 151 miles costing \$4,130,000.00. The State contribution during 1944 will be \$6,583,033.94 and the Federal contribution will be \$5,807,173.11.

During the Holland administration the State Road Department also maintained 8,108 miles of State highways plus an additional mileage added thereto of 267 at a total cost to the State of \$12,598,109.76.

During 1941 the maintenance expenditure was \$3,845,764.98. During 1942 the maintenance expenditure was \$2,843,899.75. During the year 1943 the maintenance cost was \$2,903,123.80 and during 1944, including estimates for the period from September 1 to December 31, the cost was \$3,005,321.23. This maintenance was made imperative by wartime traffic and use by heavy truck traffic during the war emergency.

The Federal grants referred to include \$1,453,637.79 of 100 percent Federal grants and \$5,408,899.02 of 100 percent Federal access funds which did not require matching by the State. Under the Federal aid regular and secondary funds matched on a 50 percent and 75 percent basis the Federal government furnished \$7,481,130.46. In addition to these the Federal government furnished 100 percent of the funds necessary to build flight strips for the Army or Navy in the total sum of \$1,051,183.90.

The records of the department indicate that the number of miles



THOMAS A. JOHNSON
Chairman

of roads built and rebuilt and opened to traffic during this administration exceeds that of any previous administration since the beginning of operations by the State Road Department.

The policy of the department as determined by the board at the beginning of the administration was
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H. H. BASKIN
Secretary State Road Department



J. H. DOWLING
State Highway Engineer





STATE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Much of the business of the State government is handled by a Board of Directors, or rather by several boards with from three to seven members made up of governor and the constitutional officers informally known as the "Cabinet." Tuesday is "Board Day" in Tallahassee and visitors come from all over the State to appear before one or more of the boards that meet at the Capitol with the governor presiding.

The scene above is of such a board meeting. Left to right—Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture; J. M. Lee, Comptroller; R. A. Gray, Secretary of State; Governor Holland; Ralph Davis, Governor's Executive Secretary at the time and now in the Army; J. Tom Watson, Attorney General; J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer and Colin English, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

This is a meeting of the "Big Board" which includes all members of the cabinet—the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, with jurisdiction over the State Hospital and several other State-maintained institutions. Other boards made up of the governor and cabinet officers include: Pardon Board, Board of Administration, which handles bond refunding; Board of Education, which handles problems of the public schools and holds final authority over the University and Colleges; and Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, which handles State lands.

Although the governor has but one vote like the other members of these boards, his leadership and prestige are often persuasive.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT: The Executive Department of Florida's State Government is the governor's office. The governor is assisted by an executive secretary with "Little Cabinet" rank who sometimes carries out previously established policies of the governor in respect to decisions which must be made in the governor's absence.

Governor Spessard L. Holland appointed his friend and campaign manager, Ralph Davis as his executive secretary. Mr. Davis is now in the army. Mr. Robert L. McClure, a citizen of Madison County, is Governor Holland's executive secretary now. Mr. R. L. Shipp is assistant executive secretary.

In the governor's office are his personal secretary and a staff which includes secretaries, stenographers, a receptionist and employes whose duties are connected with the functions of the Pardon Board, Board of Commissioners of State Institutions and other Boards of which the governor is chairman.

The governor is also assisted by the heads of departments known as the "Little Cabinet"—officials appointed by and responsible to him. These include the chairman of the State Road Department, chairman of the Industrial Commission, director of the Department of Public Safety (State Highway Patrol), Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Conservation Commissioner, Beverage Director, Hotel Commissioner, State Auditor and the Executive Secretary. Frequent discussions on policy are held with members of the "Little Cabinet."

J. R. McCLURE

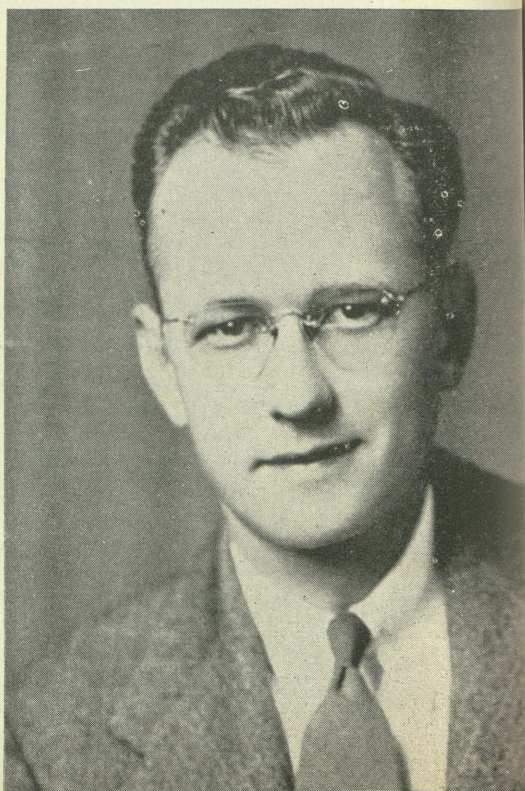
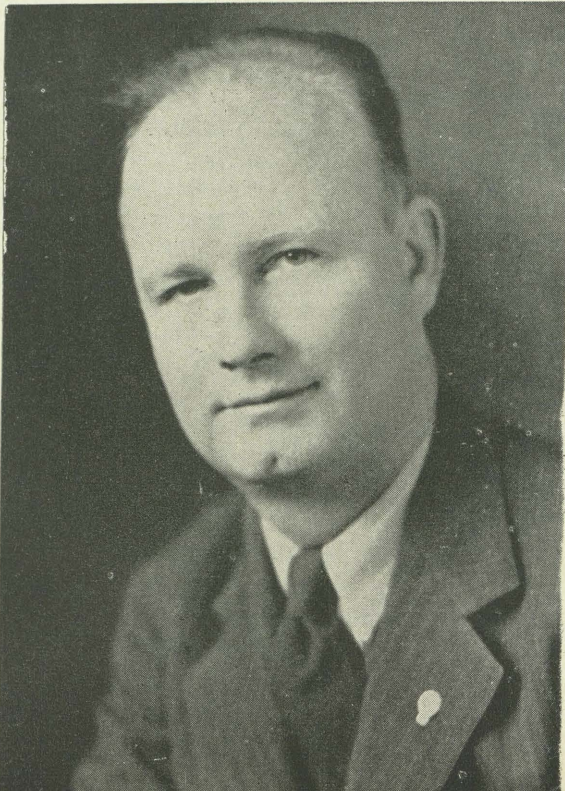
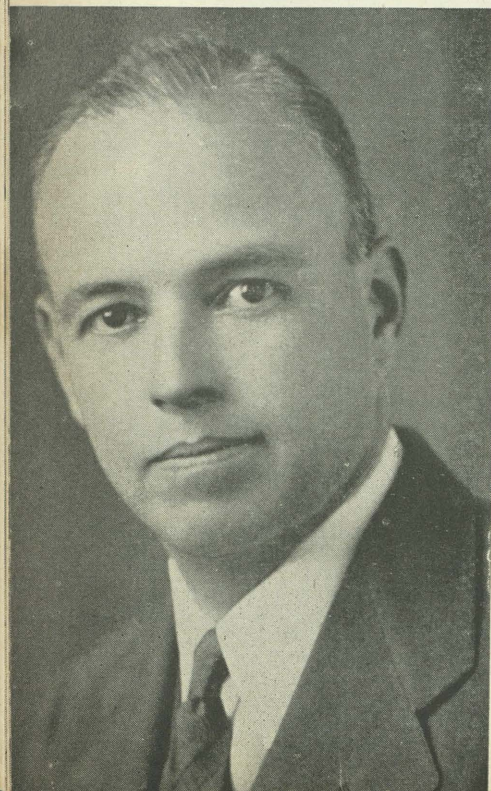
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R. L. SHIPP

Assistant Executive Secretary to Gov. Holland

RALPH DAVIS

Former Executive Secretary to Gov. Holland

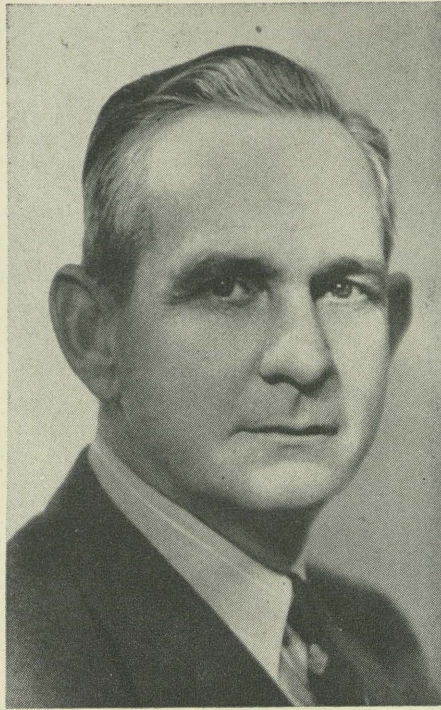


Promoting Highway Safety . . .

WHEN GOVERNOR Spessard L. Holland took over the State executive reins in 1941 he appointed Jesse J. Gilliam director of the Florida Highway Patrol. Together they sponsored legislation for reorganization of the Department of Public Safety to operate under the governor and cabinet.

This department was given two divisions—the Drivers' License Division and the Florida Highway Patrol. The enactment of the Florida regulatory traffic law furnished the department with necessary measures for providing safety on the highways.

With the inauguration of the compulsory traffic accident reporting law, information came into the department which provided an intelligent study for accident prevention. Each individual report was analyzed and the facts broken down into three basic units of information to determine When, Where and Why accidents occur-



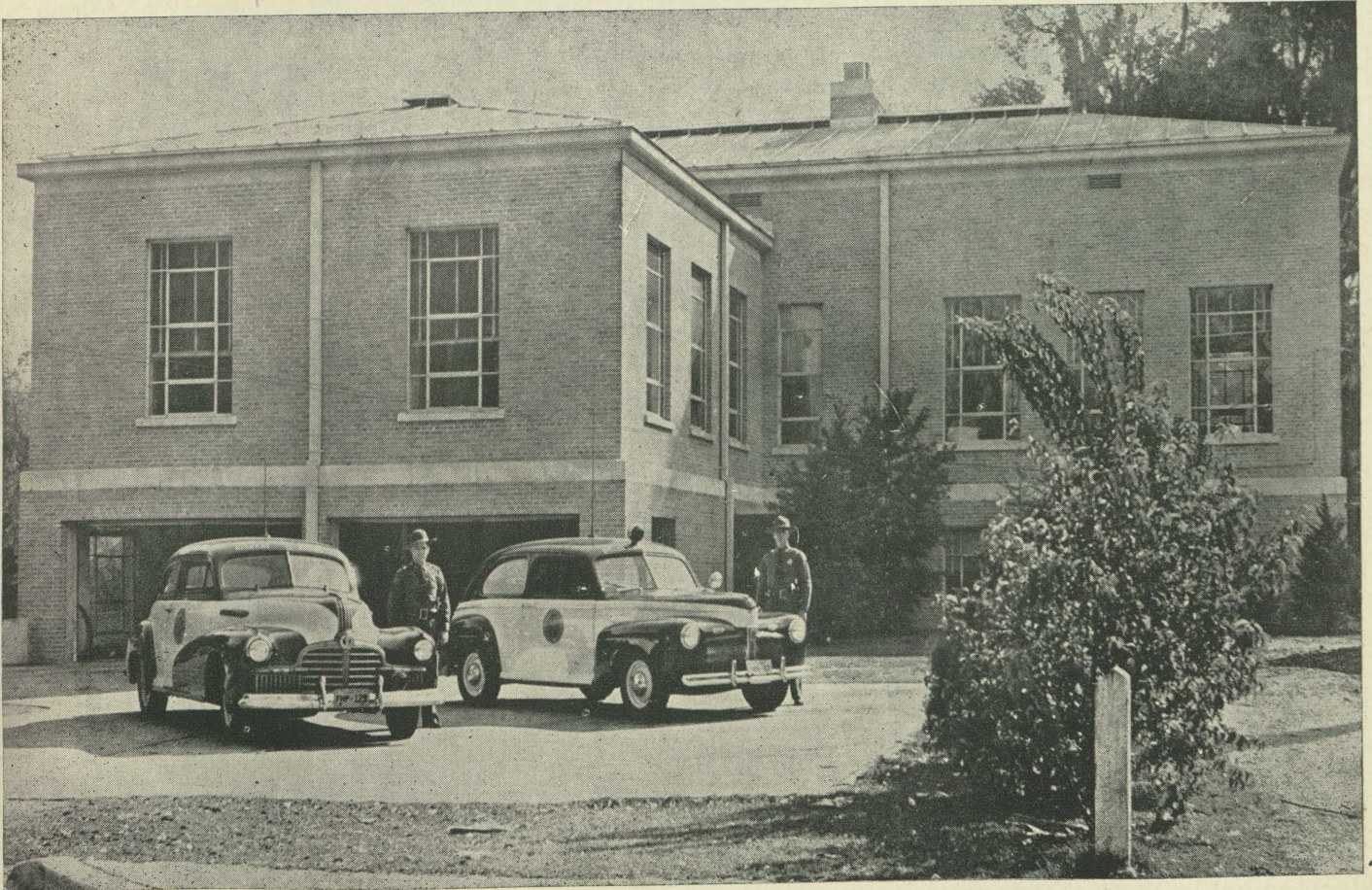
J. J. GILLIAM
Director Department of Public Safety

red. With this information, it is possible for the limited number of patrolmen to cover the 14,675 miles of paved State highways with some degree of efficiency. This resulted in a 35 percent reduction in traffic deaths during 1942.

Under the newly appointed director, the patrol organized a school in Lakeland for training its personnel. Instructors were obtained from the Northwestern Traffic Institute, the National Safety Council and others were obtained who were trained to instruct in specific branches of this work.

The Florida Highway Patrol now operates 14 radio stations located strategically throughout the State. Patrol cars are equipped with two-way radios capable of receiving and transmitting car-to-station and car-to-car. Radio communication has also been established between the Florida Highway Patrol, the

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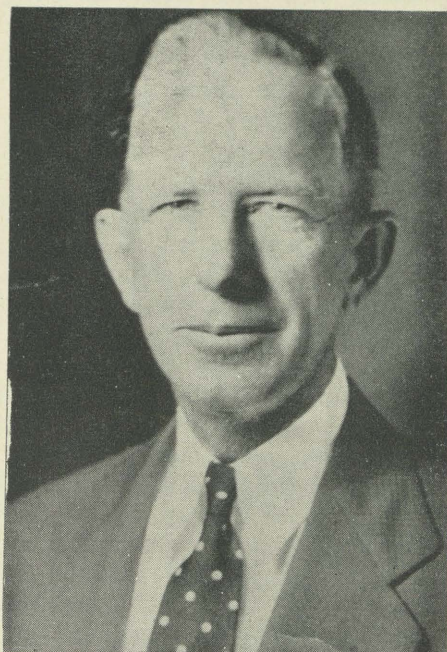
Motor Vehicle Department . . .

THE NUMBER of motor vehicle licenses issued during the years 1941, 1942, 1943 and up to November 1, 1944, as well as the revenue for each of these years and the grand total for the four years up to November 1, 1944 of \$37,456,777.21 is shown in the box on this page. Shown also are the amounts transferred to each of the five participating funds—the School Fund, 6 percent M.V.L. Expense Fund, Auto Theft Expense Fund, General Revenue Fund and the Welfare Fund—Aid to Dependent Children. This Aid to Dependent Children Fund is derived from the sale of maintenance tags.

Included in the \$34,505,751.09 transferred to the School Fund is the sum of \$1,275,000.00, which is the unused portion of the 6 percent allotted for operating expenses. This operating expense is 6 percent of the total revenue, after deduction of the 3 percent which goes to General Revenue and deduction of the amount for Aid to Dependent Children. The actual cost of operation of this department for the four years is only .049 percent.

At the 1941 session of the legislature an act was passed providing for the recording in the office of the Motor Vehicle Commissioner of sworn notices of liens and satisfactions of liens on motor vehicles; and the Motor Vehicle Commissioner was empowered to set up a division for such recording. In consequence of this act the lien department of the Motor Vehicle Commission was established August 1, 1941. It is equipped with IBM machines and an operating staff of nine. Since August 1, 1941 163,654 notices of liens have been filed and 115,916 satisfactions of liens, with a fee of 50c for each such notice or satisfaction of lien.

After Pearl Harbor thousands of new problems presented themselves, due to the influx of workmen on the various defense projects, most of whom have cars, and the large numbers of military personnel based here. This has caused



HENRY J. DRIGGERS
State Motor Vehicle Commissioner

the department to operate with a slightly increased inspection force.

During the years of peace preceding the war, various barriers were built up between the States which hampered speedy transportation and, once the war began, seriously impeded the full flow of transportation of goods vital to the

war effort. As far as possible, these State barriers have been eliminated and we now have complete reciprocity with 18 States. Prompt issuance of title certificates has been delayed in many instances because of government requirements. Realizing the importance of these wartime restrictions, it has been our endeavor to cooperate with the government to the fullest extent, while giving the motor vehicle owner the best service possible in these circumstances.

The new, full-size 1945 license plate has yellow numerals on a black background. Distribution has already been made to many of the county agents of the tags which go on sale December 1. It is anticipated that the sales through December will swell materially the total of \$37,456,777.21 revenue to this department through this administration to November 1, 1944.

The most hazardous work hours of the day are between 10 and 11 in the morning and between 3 and 4 in the afternoon, reports the National Safety Council. The remedy: more rest and care.

Total registrations, revenue and participating funds of the Motor Vehicle Department for the period from January 1, 1941 to October 31, 1944, inclusive.

	Total Registration	Total Revenue
1941	582,679	\$ 8,690,037.97
1942	547,274	9,661,689.53
1943	504,020	9,296,613.17
1944 - to 11/1	528,610	9,808,436.54

\$37,456,777.21

Disbursements to participating funds

94% County School Fund	\$33,230,751.09
Transfer to County School Fund from 6% allotted for M. V. L. Expense Fund	1,275,000.00
Total to County School Fund	\$34,505,751.09
6% M. V. L. Expense Fund	1,009,228.64
Auto Theft Expense Fund	946,867.96
Welfare Fund—	
Aid to Dependent Children	131,384.84
General Revenue Fund	863,544.68

\$37,456,777.21

Industrial Commission . . .

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP of Boyce A. Williams, chairman, M. J. Foley and Arthur W. Ritzaur, the Florida Industrial Commission is now recognized as one of the most efficient State agencies and one that compares favorably with like agencies throughout the Nation.

The agency has collected nearly 45 million dollars in four years. Its field men interview an average of 120 employers in the State every day. On the benefit side, 232,000 new claims have been determined and over 11½ million dollars paid out to compensate for more than a million weeks of unemployment during the past four years.

In the Unemployment Compensation Division the trust fund for payment of benefits to unemployed workers has grown from \$12,000,000 to almost \$50,000,000 and has reached a point where it will be able to withstand the shock of any post-war unemployment. Delin-

quencies have been reduced from 1.48 percent to 0.16 percent. Payment of claims has been speeded up and at the same time fraud has been reduced to a minimum. The time required to obtain decisions on appealed determinations has been greatly reduced. Questions on interpretation of the law have been promptly submitted to the courts so that the law could be administered fairly and uniformly. Double compensation provisions in child labor law violations are being invoked in all cases. Progress has been made in bringing to the public a better understanding of the real purpose of the unemployment compensation law.

The two legislative sessions of 1941 and 1943 made a number of desirable changes in the laws affecting the commission. On the unemployment compensation side experience rating provisions for employers have resulted in tax savings of about \$6,000,000; however, a war risk clause has denied

these benefits to large war contractors with a resultant saving to the fund of about \$1,500,000. The base period on which available credits are figured was reduced to one year and benefit charges pro rated to employers in that period. Provisions were made for limiting benefits to seasonal workers in the citrus industry. Changes in tax collection methods improved efficiency in that department. To help in the wartime manpower shortage, disqualifications for quitting or refusing jobs were made more stringent.

On the workmen's compensation side weekly benefits were increased from a \$4 to \$18 range to an \$8 or \$22 range, and maximum medical benefits from \$500 to \$1,500. Administration of the Florida child labor law was placed under the commission.

The efficiency of the operation of the agency has been increased by sound internal policies. The Workmen's Compensation Division

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION: Left to right, A. W. Ritzaur, Chairman Boyce A. Williams and M. J. Foley, members of the Florida Industrial Commission, in session at the Tallahassee offices.



was brought under the merit system in 1943. Salaries have been raised in proportion to increased living expenses. In spite of increased work load, cost of operation has been steadily reduced.

Shortly after congress enacted the draft law, the commission passed a farsighted resolution covering commission employees who might be inducted into the armed forces. Under this resolution everything possible is done to insure that the veteran shall in no way be penalized as a result of his absence while in the military service, and at the same time he is

given no unfair advantage over nonveterans.

In September 1944 the commission began handling for the Veterans Administration the payment of servicemen's readjustment allowances under the GI Bill of Rights. During the first full month of operations, October 1944, 252 veterans' initial claims were determined and 638 weeks of allowances totaling \$12,625 were paid. From this small beginning this phase of the work of the commission is expected to grow to enormous proportions in the post-war period and to have a very appreciable ef-

fect on the economy of the State.

Chairman Boyce A. Williams was elected vice president for District VII and member of the executive committee of the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Administrators. He is one of a five-man executive board of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions, and one of a five-man executive committee of the International Association of Governmental Labor Officials. The two international associations are composed of executives of the United States and Canada.

State Racing Commission . . .

ACCOMPLISHMENTS of the Racing Commission during the Holland administration included:

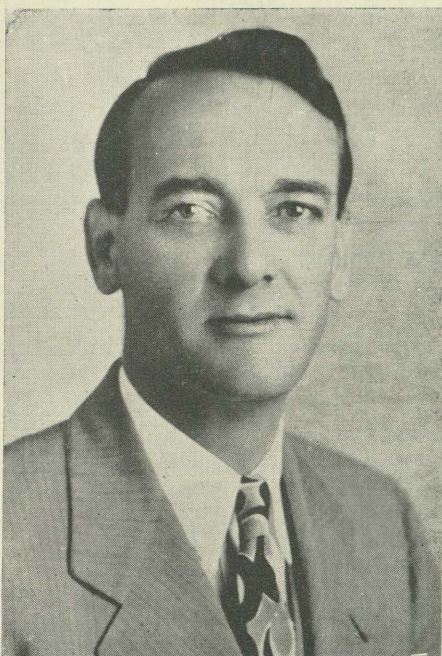
Improvement and purchase of additional equipment, and modernization of the laboratory of the Florida State Racing Commission so as better to detect and prohibit the use of stimulants on horses and dogs, which made our laboratory one of the finest and most up-to-date in the South.

Complete and rigid enforcement of the racing laws in order to insure the maximum revenue to the State and to the State old age pension fund.

Economy in supervision and management, which resulted in average cost of operation and supervision of the Florida State Racing Commission being reduced to 4.19 percent of the average amount of total revenue for the four-year period, as compared with the previous all-time average cost of supervision and operation of 10.96 percent.

Complete revision of the rules and regulations governing horse racing, dog racing and jai-alai, which rules are considered the best throughout the country and used as a model by other States.

Investigation of the Gables Racing Association with finding that a change in the ownership and control and of personnel of the association would best serve the in-



HENRY S. BAYNARD
Secretary Racing Commission

terests of the State and the racing industry as a whole. This brought about a complete change in ownership of the stock and personnel.

An active campaign to eliminate all forms of illegal wagering, both off and at the tracks, which resulted in a material decrease in illegal wagering and a material increase in State revenue.

A continuous campaign for the improvement of racing premises, grandstand and track facilities,

sanitary conditions, as well as improvement in the handling and care of both horses and dogs.

Efforts at all times to increase the revenue from racing and at the same time promote public confidence in the sport.

During the 1943-44 racing season the State revenue reached an all-time high of \$6,824,272.72.

Wisdom and good judgment consist in knowing what should be done before it is done instead of after it is done.

ALEC M. BALFE
Chairman Racing Commission



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Safeguarding Public Health . . .

IN THE FACE OF unexampled wartime demands upon the well-being of the State, coupled with the handicap of heavy personnel turnover, the State Board of Health has steadfastly met its responsibilities of guarding both the civil and military health during the past four years.

Demands for the protection of the board have been drastic and unprecedented. They have multiplied with the influx of the military personnel and defense workers.

The budget for the fiscal year of 1941-42 was \$1,363,500 while the current budget is \$3,641,060, with indications of a still larger increase for the coming year.

The national emergency maternity and infant care program has been functioning in Florida since 1943 for the benefit of wives of servicemen in the first four pay grades.

Records show that 11,430 maternal cases have been authorized during this 18 months' period, and that 5,000 cases have already been delivered. Cooperating with the program are 72 civilian and 20 military hospitals; 389 private physicians and many Medical Corps physicians.

The program provides for prenatal care of the patient, the delivery, the six weeks' check-up of the mother, and finally 12 months of general care for the child. Every wife, regardless of her social or financial status, creed or race is eligible for the care, so long as her husband is in the lower pay grades of the services.

Other important additions to the bureau during the past four years is a nutrition service, and the establishment of a planned parenthood program. Also, programs for better care of premature infants, including preparation of incubators for loan; for in-service training in county health units, as well as training of selected nursing personnel in the care of premature cases.

Reflecting the over-all program

of maternal and child care, probably the most gratifying reports show that the maternal mortality rate has decreased 46 percent during the past five years, while the infant mortality rate has dropped 20 percent.

During the period of 1941 to 1944 approximately 100,000 new cases of syphilis and 50,000 new cases of gonorrhea were reported to the State Board of Health and placed under treatment.

The dental health program is maintaining and operating a dental trailer clinic, going from county to county where need is most urgent and where indigents could not otherwise obtain dental care. The program has complete approval of the Florida Dental Society, and has, where possible, operated through the local health departments. Eligibility of patients is determined by the health officer, public health nurses, welfare workers or local dentists.

The bureau has worked in cooperation with the Florida Dental Selection Service in placing dentists in vital areas. It also inaugurated in high schools the victory corps physical fitness dental program, the main object of which is to make dentally fit all high school youths soon eligible for the armed forces or war industries.

During this period public health nursing personnel has increased 80 percent. Although there has been a constant drain of nurses to the armed forces, most vacancies have been filled by wives of servicemen, in the State for a few months and in some cases for the duration.

It is the objective of the bureau to employ only those who have had their full course in public health nursing. Therefore, scholarships have been granted to those who show an aptitude for this work. From September 1942 to the present time 22 nurses have been sent to accredited public health schools of nursing, and six negro nurses have been sent to Tuskegee Institute for the mid-

wifery course in an effort to replace the old "granny" type midwife.

Under the Local Health Service Bureau, the department responsible for county health units, 15 counties have been added to the list of organized local health units during the past four years. They are Bradford, Clay, Flagler, Seminole, Walton, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Jefferson, Volusia, Madison, Washington Polk, Holmes, Sumter and Alachua. One county, Flagler, however, was discontinued, leaving a net gain of 14 local departments.

Four city-county consolidations were made. Tampa with Hillsborough, Miami with Dade, Pensacola with Escambia and Tallahassee with Leon Counties.

Through this bureau two health officers and five sanitary officers have been given training in an accredited school of public health.

A sanitary consultant and records consultant have been added for the training of local personnel for better programs and technique.

The Bureau of Narcotics reports that in spite of reduced personnel, the past four years have been its most successful from the standpoint of narcotic law enforcement—2,073 investigations, 270 arrests,

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DR. HENRY HANSON
State Health Officer



State Welfare Board . . .

DURING THE PRESENT administration, running from January 1941, there have been many outstanding developments in the State welfare program in Florida. Governor Holland has shown an active interest in the promotion of social legislation and the securing of funds as a basis for rendering more adequate services to the State's aged, blind and dependent children. Of paramount importance was the selection of outstanding public spirited individuals to serve on the State and the twelve district boards. The State board is composed of seven persons, whose responsibility it is to set the policies for the administra-

tion of the State welfare program as defined by the Federal social security act and the State welfare act. The twelve district boards act as agents for the State board and represent all counties in administering the program on a local level. All members serve without pay except for necessary expenses in the discharging of their duties. Members of the State Welfare Board are:

Emmet Safay, Jacksonville, chairman.

O. C. Minton, Ft. Pierce, vice chairman.

J. D. Carroll, Pensacola, secretary.

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LELAND W. HIATT
State Welfare Commissioner

GOVERNOR MEETS WITH WELFARE BOARD: Rear row, left to right—J. D. Carroll, Pensacola; O. C. Minton, Fort Pierce; Emmett Safay, chairman, Jacksonville; David Ireland, Fort Myers; Dave Faulk, Tampa. Front row—Mrs. Hollis Rinehart, Miami; Governor Holland; W. J. Gardiner, Daytona Beach.



Forests and Parks . . .

THE FLORIDA FOREST and Park Service is the department administered by the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks in carrying out the forestry and State park activities delegated to it. On January 1, 1941 the officers and members of the board were:

A. G. McArthur, president.

Joe Foley, vice president.

Mrs. Linwood Jeffreys, secretary.

W. C. Ray and A. B. Edwards, members.

In November 1944 they are:

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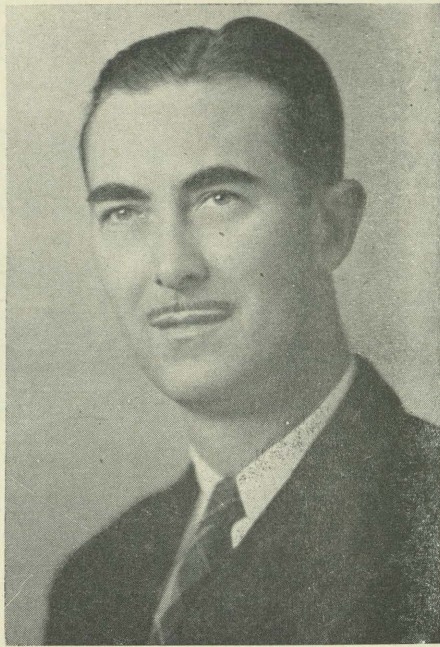
A. B. Edwards, vice president.

Mrs. Linwood Jeffreys, secretary.

Jack W. Simmons, member.

These members are appointed by the governor for four-year terms and serve without pay, receiving expenses while on official business of the board.

The declaration of war in December 1941 seriously affected the program. Labor with which to operate and maintain fire control



H. J. MALSBERGER
State Forester

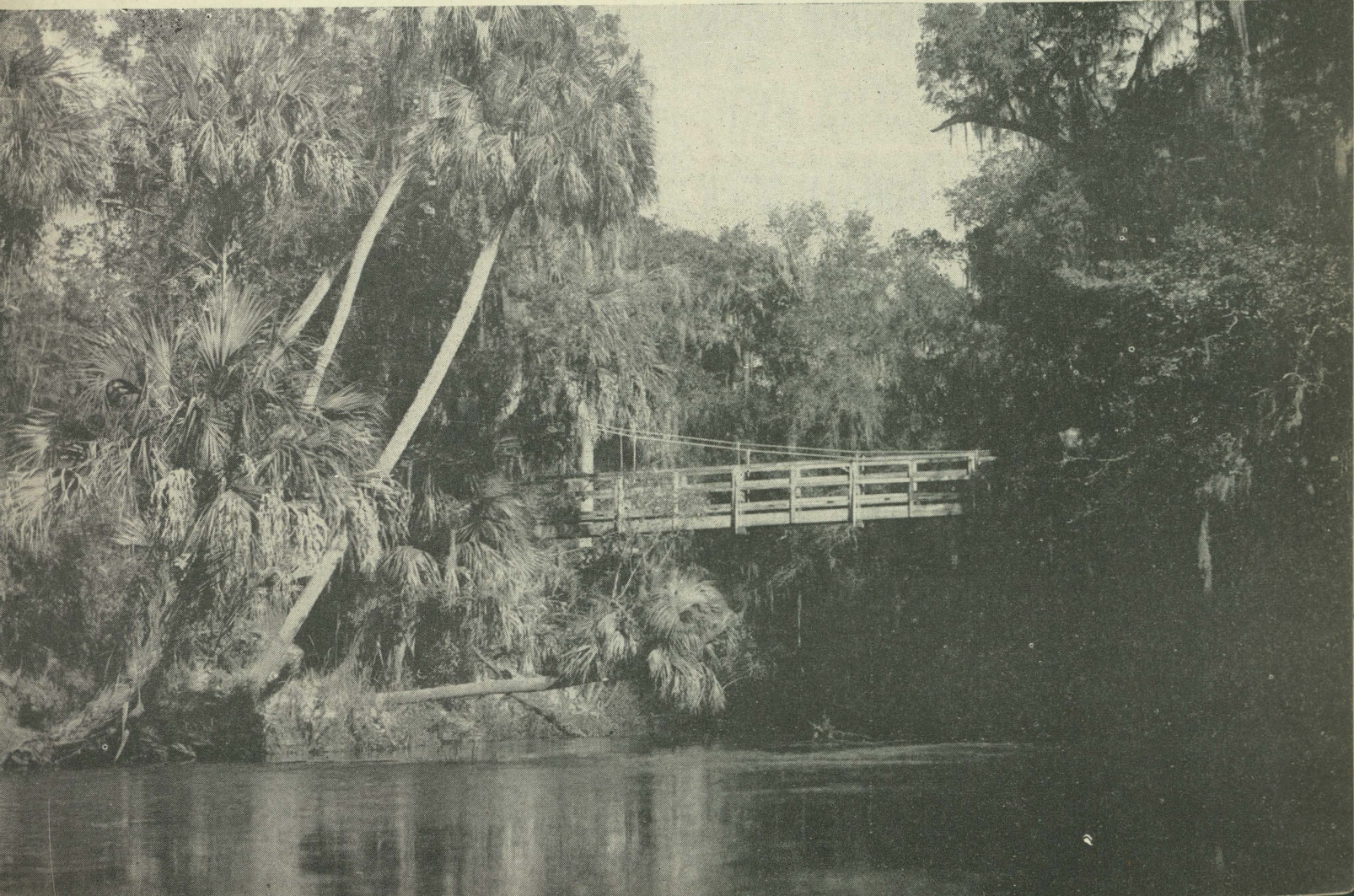
and park projects became difficult to secure. Materials and equip-

ment necessary to expand fire control and park facilities were not available. In spite of these and many other deterring factors, progress was made in fulfilling the obligation of the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks to the public in the forestry and recreation fields delegated to it by the legislature.

Outstanding in this respect was the passage of legislation by the 1941 and 1943 legislatures which enabled the department to render better service to the public. They include (1) changing the name of the board from Florida Board of Forestry to Florida Board of Forestry and Parks; (2) creation of a State park fund; (3) authorizing the board to dedicate State park lands for permanent public use; (4) permitting commissioners to cooperate with the board in the employment of a county forester to carry out forestry practices in

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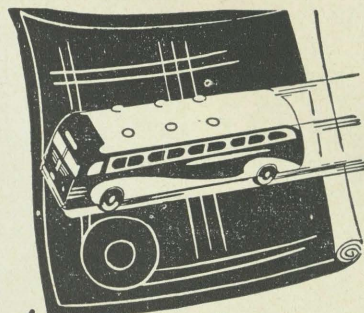
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Wildlife Conservation . . .

FORWARD STEPS in the conservation of Florida's wildlife resources, such as game and fish, were taken during the Holland administration through legislation initiated at the 1941 session of the legislature and a constitutional amendment approved by the people in the general election of 1942.

The constitutional amendment, strongly supported by sportsmen of the State, placed the regulation and control of game and fish in the hands of a nonpolitical commission of five, one from each congressional district as then set up, with very large power to handle the problem through regulations properly applicable to the various localities of the State. This commission is identified as the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. The group has the power to take care of the troublesome question of varying seasons and other varying conditions in Florida which proved an almost insuperable barrier to handling by rigid legislation. The legislature retains the authority to fix licenses and to determine all questions of penalties and has the power to pass general legislation in harmony with the amendment and designed to carry out its terms.

The 1941 legislature also passed legislation enabling Florida to accept the provisions of the Pittman-Robertson Act, thus making available for conservation purposes the State's share of the Federal sporting goods tax which sportsmen of Florida had been paying, but which had been withheld from this State because of noncompliance with the Federal act binding to exclusive use of conservation, funds collected from licenses. Under this act, the State pays 25 percent and the Federal government 75 percent of the cost of wildlife restoration projects. The commission selects the projects, which fall into three categories: land acquisition, to purchase lands to be used for refuges or game management areas; development work on established wildlife areas; and research designed to obtain factual information



DR. I. N. KENNEDY
Executive Secretary
Game and Fish Commission

about wildlife to insure better administration of this resource.

Revenue to the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission has increased steadily the last four fiscal years, despite the war, totaling on June 30, 1944 for that fiscal year \$311,051 as compared with \$259,771 for the fiscal year 1940-41. Violations of regulations have decreased in the same four-year period, the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944 having but 610 arrests as compared with 1,350 in 1941-42.

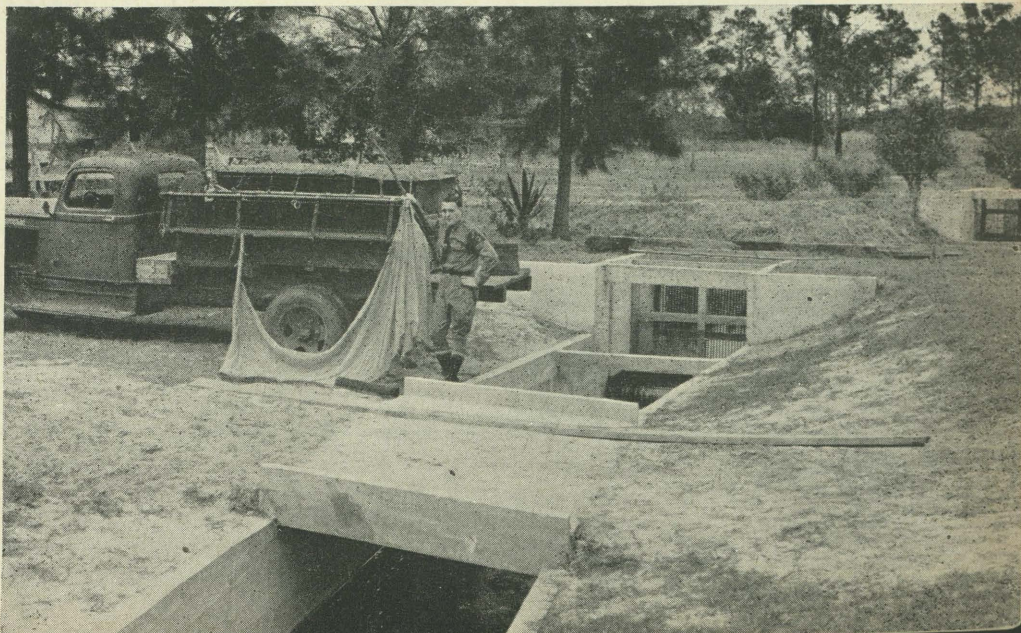
Through provisions of the Pittman-Robertson Act, three tracts of land have been purchased for breeding grounds and other conservation purposes. The largest of these is 57,841 acres in Charlotte County, while 640 acres have been acquired in Lake and 1,280 acres in Marion County.

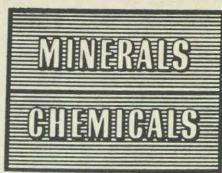
Restocking efforts have gone forward at a rapid pace, particularly in fish. More than three and one-quarter million fingerling bass have been produced at the State's three hatcheries and released throughout Florida's fresh fishing waters. In a two-year period, 17,744 quail were trapped in closed areas and liberated in open territory. One hundred and eighty deer have been placed in breeding grounds.

The hatcheries are located at Holt in Okaloosa County, Eagle Lake in Polk County, and Wewa-hitchka in Gulf County, the latter serving only the Dead Lakes and immediately adjacent waters.

The affairs of the commission are managed by I. N. Kennedy, director, whose offices are in the capitol building in Tallahassee. Members of the commission are L. G. Bruce, Bartow, chairman; Louis G. Morris, Monticello; Lester Varn, Jacksonville; John S. Clardy, Ocala; J. W. Corbett, Fort Pierce.

A scene at the Winter Haven hatchery, operated by the Commission of Game and Fresh Water Fish, which is believed to be the last word in hatchery construction. Funds were furnished by the City of Winter Haven and the Winter Haven Chapter of Isaac Walton League of America. This hatchery annually supplies more than a million bass fingerlings for transportation to Florida waters.





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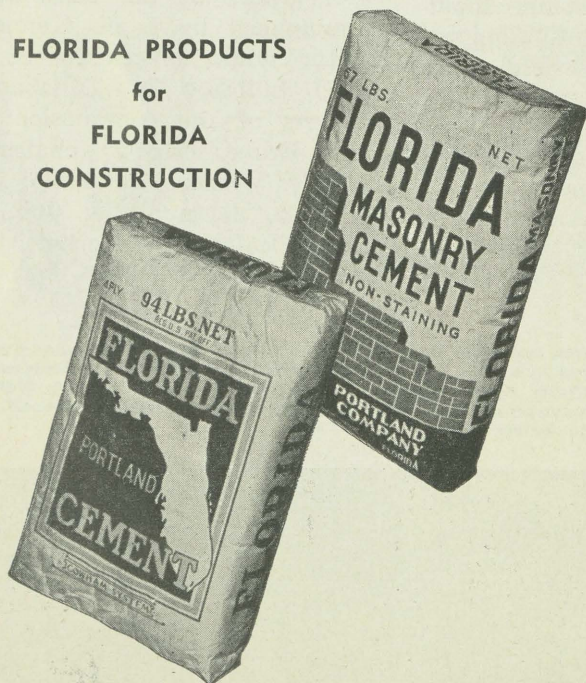


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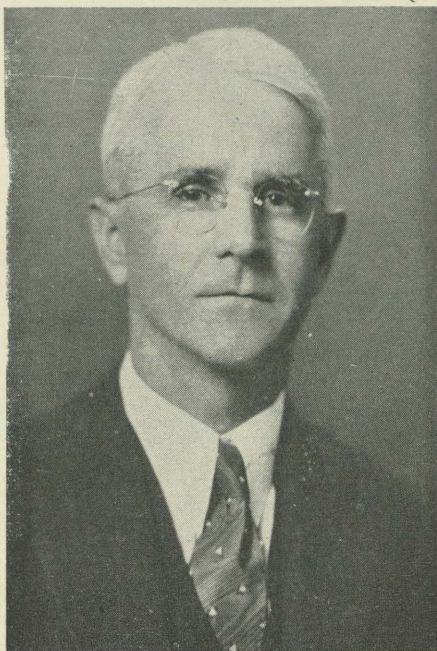
Florida Geological Survey . . .

DURING THE FOUR years of Governor Holland's administration the Florida Geological Survey has been unusually active because of two added responsibilities and development: (1) aid to war industries and the armed services; and (2) assistance in the exploration for and development of oil in Florida. Besides these, the routine investigations into geology and allied phases of science, the keeping of records and materials, and the many cooperative activities with numerous persons, organizations, and government agencies have increased. It has been difficult to maintain the personnel, but the staff of the survey has been enlarged and many publications have been issued.

Much advice, scientific information and cooperation have been given to aid in the increased operation of old plants and development of new ones which could obtain certain mineral products of importance in war activities. Some of these were phosphates used in chemicals, explosives and fertilizers, rutile and ilmenite used in the manufacture of welding rods, flares and smoke screens, and limestones and aggregate for concrete which have been used extensively in military construction. This survey helped particularly in the development of a lightweight aggregate from fuller's earth which aided materially in the building of concrete ships in a yard near Tampa. Some of these improvements and developments in mineral industries will be continued into peacetime, giving Florida some new industries.

The problem of finding adequate water supplies for the many Army, Navy and Coast Guard establishments was a critical one and cooperation was given these services. In turn the drilling of these wells, and of the oil wells, has added much information to the survey files about subsurface geology.

The Florida Geological Survey has and will continue to do all it can to promote exploration and



DR. HERMAN GUNTER
State Geologist

drilling and, through its cooperation, many of the oil companies have been able to locate well sites, conduct drilling, and interpret their geologic findings. With this rapid increase in drilling of wells (about ten wells are now being drilled) this survey will in most instances obtain valuable samples and well logs from which it can continue more accurately the interpretation of the geology of the State and adjoining areas.

A number of investigations were completed and some are now in progress. Those of special note are: (1) a survey and report on mineral industries; (2) stratigraphic and paleontologic studies of wells; (3) geology of Holmes and Washington Counties; (4) description of some dunes, their development and vegetation; (5) survey and description of the natural features of southern Florida; (6) a study of dolomitic limestone; and in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey, (7) a description of the Late Cenozoic geology of southern Florida. An investigation of the peat deposits and the possible fuel and industrial

uses of peat, and a study of Early Cenozoic geology of central Florida are now being conducted.

Besides these there are a number of continuing investigations of water supply conditions in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey and some municipalities.

Publications of these investigations and of routine work have been in the form of ten bulletins, amounting to 1,450 pages; one biennial report; five reports of investigations; and a number of shorter articles in trade journals and for the newspapers. The average distribution of each bulletin has been 2,000 to individuals and organizations.

Since 1941 there has been a great increase in the many activities connected with the geological exploration for oil, drilling of wells, purchasing and leasing of land and establishment of branch offices of many of the major oil companies. As a cooperating State agency the Geological Survey has done much to facilitate these activities in such ways as furnishing geological information, providing well samples and working space for their examination by many oil company geologists, making recommendations and keeping the rapidly accumulating records. The official test of the first producing well was conducted by this survey and reports about oil exploration and development have been issued by this office from time to time.

The Humble Oil & Refining Company, with large lease holdings in southern Florida and much preliminary exploration done, was the first oil company to find oil. Their Gulf Coast Realties Corporation No. 1 well located at Sunniland, Collier County, was the first to discover oil, which was obtained at the depth of 11,613 to 11,626 feet in a porous limestone that is probably of the Lower Cretaceous age. Swabbing of the well began October 14, 1943, which was soon followed by pumping and from that date until about November

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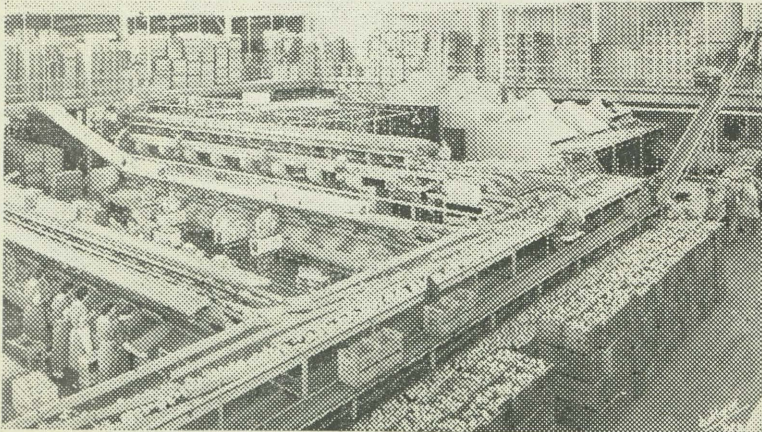
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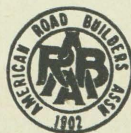
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State Hotel Commission . . .

CHANGES RESULTING from a quick transition from the normal activities of peace to feverish participation in a global war were reflected in the conduct of the operations of the State Hotel Commission.

The induction of millions of men into all branches of the armed services of the country and the necessity for the establishment of training centers, hospitals, convalescent homes and similar institutions began to be apparent. With the sanction of Governor Holland and in concert with the State Hotel Association and many local chambers of commerce throughout the State, a vigorous campaign was inaugurated by the State Hotel Commission to persuade the national government to buy or lease Florida hotels and apartment houses for conversion to war uses.

Representatives of the administrative departments of all branches of the armed services visited the State and, aided by Hotel Commission questionnaires descriptive of thousands of Florida hotel and apartment house properties, leased or bought for government use more than 500 buildings including a number of restaurants to be used as mess halls.

Those leases or purchases did much to relieve distress. The establishment of training centers in the hotels and apartments taken over by the government brought to the State thousands of relatives of men in the armed forces to fill the hotels and apartments left for civilian use.

The withdrawal of so many hotels and apartments from civilian use did not lighten the work of the corps of inspectors on the Hotel Commission staff. There still remained more than 1,200 hotels, more than 7,000 apartment houses, approximately 10,000 rooming houses and more than 10,000 eating places to be inspected by a greatly reduced force of inspectors. The presence of so many members of the armed forces in the State made it imperative that the regulations of hotels and apartment houses and particularly eating places be even more rigidly enforced in order to conform with military requirements.

In 1941, the peak year in the number of licensed hotels, apartment houses, rooming houses and restaurants in Florida, 33,053 licenses were issued. In 1942 30,950 licenses were issued by the State Hotel Commission, which did not include, of course, the 534 places taken over by the armed forces, particularly in the Miami and St. Petersburg areas. In 1943 31,089 licenses were issued, and in 1944, up to October 30, 29,824 licenses were issued with an estimate that during the months of November and December an additional 2,150 licenses would be issued making a grand total for the year of 31,574, still below the peak of 33,053 issued in 1941. The mortalities in the most part were confined to small rooming houses in the residential sections, and the hot-dog stands and other small eating places along the roadsides and in the smaller communities. Part of the increase in 1943 and again in 1944 may be credited to a return of about 500 places which had been occupied by the armed forces and the reopening of a number of

small rooming houses and restaurants throughout the State.

The part played by the State Hotel Commission in inducing the armed forces to take over more than 500 of the larger hotels and apartment houses was one of the outstanding acts of the State Hotel Commission. The concentration of so many men of all branches of the armed services in the State, and the policy permitted by the government of allowing the families and friends of these men to be near them during their periods of training, or in case of sickness and periods of hospitalization, was a factor in filling up the hotels, apartment houses and rooming houses to a point where at no time for the past two and a half years have rooms been available for ordinary travelers without advance reservations. The war did not injure the business of hotel, apartment house and rooming house owners and managers in general.

Yep, believe it or not. A warship has been named for a woman for the first time. The destroyer Higbee, launched the other day, was named for the late Mrs. Lenah S. Higbee, first superintendent of Navy Nurses Corps.

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Florida Citrus Commission . . .

THE FLORIDA Citrus Commission was established in 1935 under the citrus commission law enacted by the legislature in that year. The commission is composed of eleven men appointed by the governor for two-year terms, three from State-at-large, and one for each district except District Seven from which two members are appointed. The present members are:

R. M. Clewis, Sr., Tampa; A. S. Herlong, Sr., Leesburg; W. E. Bishop, Citra; M. H. McNutt, Orlando; J. J. Schumann, Vero Beach; Jeff Flake, Wauchula; Fred W. Davis, Lake Wales; G. R. Brock, Cocoa; Chas. A. Stewart, Lakeland; W. L. Tilden, Orlando.

The commission's attorney is Thos. W. Bryant, Lakeland, who

has served in this capacity since September 1941.

The regulations now in effect relate to fresh fruit and canning maturity tests, grade standards, inspection, artificial coloring, coloring room methods, adoption and use of containers, registration and use of labels, issuance and use of permits to haul and ship citrus fruits, collection of advertising assessments, canning of unwholesome fruit, marking of containers, license applications, and other miscellaneous matters.

In addition to the regular administrative work in connection with the various citrus laws and regulations, the commission has been called upon by the industry to handle many of the complex problems brought about by the

war. It is the only organization in a position to represent all growers, shippers and canners. These problems include price ceiling regulations for fresh and canned citrus, subsidy program, maximum wage scales, government regulations relating to the use of wooden and nonwooden containers, limitations on the use of materials needed for the manufacture of picking gloves and bags, and various other limitation orders and regulations issued by the government.

By maintaining a Washington representative, it has been possible for the commission to keep the industry closely advised of all directives, orders and regulations immediately upon their inception and in many instances prior to

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GOVERNOR SPESSARD L. HOLLAND AND THE FLORIDA CITRUS COMMISSION: Left to right, seated—John M. Knight, District No. 5, resigned; E. H. Williams, Crescent City, District No. 3, deceased; Governor Holland; R. M. Clewis, Sr., Tampa, District No. 1; Chairman Fred W. Davis, Lake Wales, District No. 7. Standing—C. Walton Rex, Orlando, District No. 4, (Mr. Rex is now in the armed forces); Thomas B. Swann, Winter Haven, District No. 7, resigned; A. S. Herlong, Sr., Leesburg, District No. 2; Jeff Flake, Wauchula, District No. 6; Charles A. Stewart, Auburndale, State-at-large; G. R. Brock, Cocoa, State-at-large; Judge W. L. Tilden, Orlando, State-at-large. Inset—Harry L. Askew, Lakeland, District No. 7; W. E. Bishop, Citra, District No. 3; M. H. McNutt, Orlando, District No. 4, Chairman Advertising Committee; J. J. Schumann, Vero Beach, District No. 5.



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UNDER THE PROVISIONS of the law, the State Auditing Department is charged with the duty of auditing once each year all State and county officers, State institutions and State boards and departments.

In the State there are 485 county offices, about 75 State offices, commissions, boards and departments, three institutions of higher learning, and seven other institutions.

A county audit report frequently includes from seven to eight separate county offices.

During the Holland administration, 368 audit reports were released involving these offices, State offices, commissions, boards and institutions. While the department has not been able to audit each office once each year, due to a shortage in personnel, every



BRYAN WILLIS
State Auditor

county office has been audited at least twice, and most of them three times during the last four years. Audits of State officers, boards, commissions, departments and institutions are fairly current.

The department has been handicapped in its work by a shortage in trained and experienced auditors. On January 1, 1941 there were thirty-two auditors (eighteen seniors and fourteen juniors) on the staff of the department; at the present time there are only twenty-one (eleven seniors and ten juniors). There are nine members of the staff in the armed services.

One of the chief post-war projects for Denver, Colo., is a freeway to distribute motor traffic entering the city to outgoing arteries and to business and residential sections without overcrowding existing streets.

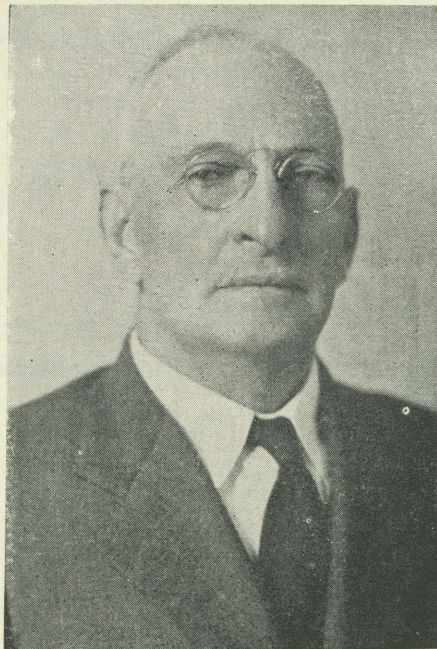
Commercial Fisheries . . .

DUE TO WARTIME restrictions several programs inaugurated by the State Board of Conservation had to be abandoned for the duration.

Prominent among these is the plan to rehabilitate the oyster industry of the State. This will be resumed after the war under the direction of Dr. A. E. Hopkins, director, U. S. Biological Laboratory, Pensacola.

At the beginning of the war we were urged by Federal authorities to abrogate State conservation laws creating closed seasons for certain species of salt water fish for the purpose of producing more food fish for the Nation. Florida cooperated fully with the Federal government to the extent that the State is producing annually in excess of 150,000,000 pounds of food fish and over 200,000,000 pounds of nonfood fish that are used in the manufacture of much needed oil and stock feed.

The commercial fishing industry



S. E. RICE
Supervisor of Conservation

abolish only one closed season, that of 1942. Since that time the fishing industry has kept all available freezer space in the State filled with food fish.

Another program that had to be abandoned temporarily was that to establish quick-freezing and cold storage plants at strategic locations to take care of surplus catches during the peak runs of certain species of fish. This program will be resumed when equipment and labor are available.

The Florida spiny lobster industry which flourishes from Miami along the Florida Keys to Dry Tortugas, has reached a production peak of over 2,000,000 pounds annually. In order to preserve this industry strict conservation measures have been adopted and a scientific study of the habits of the lobster have been undertaken by this department, in cooperation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, under the over-all super-

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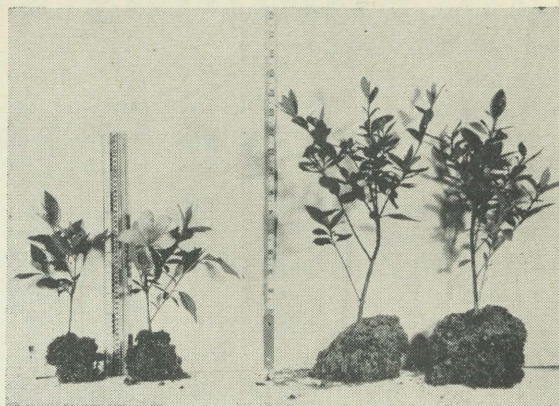
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State Beverage Department . . .

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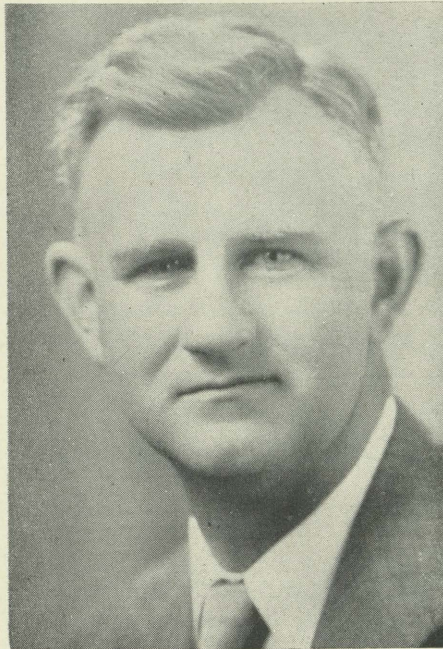
The duties of the department are to collect the taxes levied on such beverages and to supervise generally the conduct of the business.

A tax was levied on cigarettes effective July 1, 1943 and the duties of collecting this tax and generally supervising the business were given this department.

The figures given below are for calendar years 1941, 1942, 1943 and 1944 as to beer, wine and liquor and the last half of 1943 and all of 1944 as to cigarettes, as they will more truly reflect operations during the present administration. The last two months of 1944 are estimated but are believed to be fairly accurate.

All figures given are in "round numbers."

Alcoholic Beverage Division—During the past four years this department collected \$29,450,000. For the same four years the department distributed to the State Welfare Board for the aged and blind \$14,715,000; distributed to crippled and underprivileged children \$2,105,000; paid into the general revenue



EDGAR W. SCARBOROUGH
Director Beverage Department

fund of the State for schools \$10,450,000. Three percent of total collections since July 1, 1941 was paid into the general revenue fund of the State for general operation of the State government. The balance is for stamp refunds, expense of the department, etc.

Under the beverage act the department is allowed 7 percent of total collections for expenses; however, the percentage used for this

purpose the last fiscal year was 2.69.

Enforcement of the beverage laws is in two divisions—general supervision of licensees and the suppression of the manufacture, transportation and sale of "moonshine" liquor.

During the four-year period there have been 2,520 illicit stills destroyed; \$236,187 in fines assessed—this money goes to the county or city where cases are tried; and 5,714 arrests made. The percentage of conviction of cases tried is about 88 percent.

Despite the supposed scarcity of liquor, collections have steadily risen.

Cigarette Tax Division—At the time the cigarette tax law was enacted it was estimated that the first year's tax would be \$3,500,000. There was actually collected more than \$5,900,000. Total collections from this tax for the first year and a half (last two months estimated) will be \$8,600,000.

Law enforcement, in connection with this act is mainly to see that all cigarettes taxed by the law have placed on them the stamp evidencing the payment of the tax.

The cost of operating this division for the first year was 2.24 percent of collections.

State Planning Board . . .

ACTIVITIES OF THE Florida State Planning Board during the four years 1941 through 1944 might be summarized under three main categories. These are in addition to the routine work of collecting and disseminating information on the State, answering inquiries, providing statistical and technical assistance to other State departments, etc.

1. Defense and War Work. During 1941 and 1942 considerable work was done in assisting the organization and operation of the

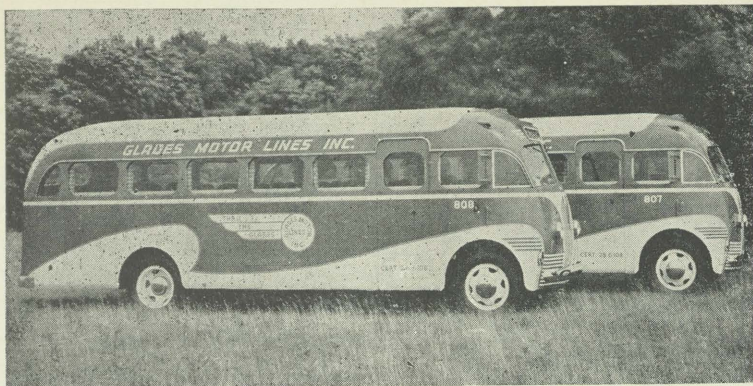
State Defense Council and other war agencies. For some time the State Defense Council was without adequate staff and the Planning Board served as its research agency. In addition, the board's staff assisted the council and other agencies in contract procurement, recreation development, civil defense organization, etc. Several rather exhaustive surveys were made of population, production facilities, etc.

2. Government Research. The Planning Board did the bulk of the

research work required in the formulation and adoption of the tax programs of 1941 and 1943, working closely with the governor, the legislature, and other agencies. Numerous studies were made and circulated among interested persons, including the comprehensive printed report issued early in 1943—Florida Wartime Fiscal Problems.

During legislative sessions the time of the staff was devoted entirely to research work for the

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GOVERNOR HOLLAND'S latest "report to the State" reveals a justifiable pride in the work which he has done for the Everglades Drainage District. Through the years it will stand perhaps as the outstanding achievement of his term, now in its waning weeks.

Through his personal and unremitting efforts the district has been able to cut its debt from \$16,000,000 to a net \$4,000,000 through a bond refunding program now in process of completion. The debt may be retired in 16 years. It carries an interest rate of 3½ percent.

With a crushing debt trimmed down to ability to pay, Governor Holland feels that now the district "can concentrate on the solution of long-time problems of land use, conservation and water control."

"I am sure," the governor declared, "that all citizens of that area (the district's), and, indeed, throughout the State, are pleased to note that the incoming administration is giving particular attention to the solution of these important problems on a State-wide basis."

At no time in the history of Everglades development have conditions warranted greater hope for turning the "black gold" of the Glades soil into fruitful production.

From now on it becomes the responsibility of "the various interests" to plan scientifically and at long range for the proper use of the land so that its fertility will not be depleted, and for a water control program that will provide not only against flood disaster, but for the maintenance of an adequate water table to guard against consuming fires and destructive air erosion.—Miami Herald.

The Stephen Foster Memorial

NEWs FROM TALLAHASSEE that the State cabinet has authorized the expenditure of not exceeding \$15,000 of the \$100,000 appropriation for the Stephen Foster Memorial upon preliminary work is highly pleasing to this section. The amount involved is small compared to the ultimate cost, but the work to be done insures the final completion of this fine undertaking as quickly as war restrictions are lifted. We are informed that the Lake City and Columbia County Chamber of Commerce has had this matter up with Governor Holland for some time, urging that this preliminary work be done.

Lake City has from the beginning been deeply interested in this great memorial to the author of "Way Down Upon the Suwannee River," planned by the Florida Federation of Music Clubs, to be erected upon a site of one hundred acres on the banks of the Suwannee River donated for the purpose by White Springs and citizens there. The project was endorsed by Fred P. Cone of this city while governor and it was during his administration that an appropriation of \$100,000 was made toward the cost. Landscaping was begun and some material was placed on the site before the coming of the war caused the work to be held up for the time being.

The beautiful memorial shrine dedicated to music will be a great asset not only to this section but to the State and will be an outstanding attraction for the tourist throngs Florida-bound when the war is ended. The site at White Springs is close to U. S. Highway 41, the main north and south traffic artery leading through the Lake City gateway into Florida.

Governor Holland was asked by the Chamber of Commerce here to permit the expenditure of a relatively small part of the appropriation upon preliminary plans now so that there would be no long delay in beginning actual construction when restrictions are lifted on such work. This should mean the early completion of the structure when work begins and at the same time will give employment to many workmen just when such employment is needed.—Lake City Reporter.

Johnson May Leave Road Department

RUMOR HAS IT that Thomas A. Johnson, head of the State Road Department will retire to private life January 1, 1945. If he does he will definitely not be one of "the boys" to be "let out" by Governor-elect Millard Caldwell—definitely not. Mr. Caldwell wants him to stay on, and considerable pressure has been brought to bear on Johnson to stay with the department—at least through the spring session of the legislature; long enough to set in motion the machinery so vital to carrying out of the Caldwell program.

But he says he is going home. No more jumping around all over the State; maintaining two residences, one in Tallahassee, the other in Pensacola, spending most of his time away from his family. And we wonder if, maybe, he doesn't have his tongue in his cheek when he gives his reason. Isn't it barely possible that he feels he should be allowed to return to private life

where his capabilities would bring more sizable financial returns, even if less acclaim? It must be admitted the State highway chairmanship is not exactly the best-paid job in the world.

Anyway, his record in office is one of the most remarkable in the State's history. Take a look at the figures:

Johnson, as Holland's \$6,000-a-year road chief, spent \$58,081,961.22 for the building of 1,560 miles of highway and maintenance of 8,375 miles, but his greatest accomplishment was in law-making.

He managed, under Holland's direction, the 1941-42 campaign which freed for road building an additional cent of the gasoline tax, making four in all, by constitutionally pledging the proceeds of two cents for 50 years to pay county road debts.

More toll bridges and roads, including the Davis and Gandy crossings of Tampa Bay, the Pensacola Bay bridge, the Heckscher Drive at Jacksonville, were freed during the Johnson overlordship than any other.

He conducted the intricate State-Federal negotiations which resulted in a new Overseas Highway from the mainland to Key West outside the previously improved toll area there. And he leaves the department with \$14,000,000 banked for post-war spending—the greatest amount of money ever handed from one gubernatorial administration to another.

The State in the next few months will have in this department large number of jobs and millions of dollars to spend for road building. Where will we find a better man to handle such a job? Mr. Johnson may insist on "going home" anyway, but we want to go on record and now as definitely "agin it."—Fernandina News.

So That All Properties May Be Equally Taxed

A STATE tax-assessing manual—a "yardstick" to secure uniform and equitable values—will be used by Florida's 67 county assessors on 1945 tax rolls. So says Comptroller Jim Lee, charged by a 1941 legislative act, to provide such a manual.

This manual, this insistence that property values be set at 100 percent of value, will be the capstone to the impressive tax edifice that Gov. Holland and Jim Lee have erected.

Were a uniform and scientific method of appraising not established by law—and maintained by vigilant State supervision—in time the Holland tax reforms would drift back toward the

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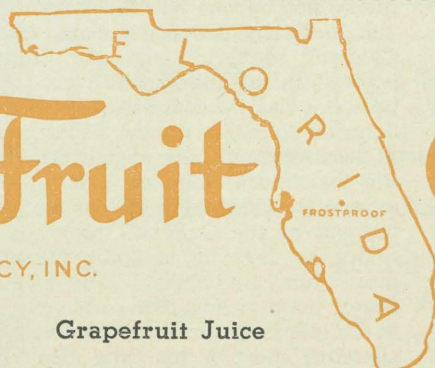
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County Activities and Personalities . . .

VOTING machines were used for the first time in BAY County on November 7.

■ J. E. Walker was reappointed superintendent of MARION County roads and bridges.

■ Part of the equipment for the POLK County juvenile home has been obtained.

■ Sheriff Riley Christensen of MARTIN County resigned and Governor Holland appointed G. M. Hancock, chief deputy for 12 years to fill the unexpired term.

■ Bids for sale of the fruit on the county farm citrus grove are sought by BREVARD commission.

■ The P.-T. A. Council asked OSCEOLA commission to set aside funds for a county health unit.

■ Ben D. Thursby, 70, dean of the VOLUSIA commission died at the DeLand Memorial hospital of injuries sustained in a fall from a tree near his home in Orange City. Milton H. Ryan of Enterprise, was chosen by the county Democratic executive committee as candidate to succeed him.

■ U. S. Army Engineer office notified HILLSBOROUGH commission that it could not undertake to dredge Tampa Bay to remove source of odors.

■ POLK commissioners explained to taxpayers that an increase of 1.28 mill in the levy is caused by an increased cost of materials and labor, proposed construction of a tuberculosis ward at the county hospital, and the bad condition of roads which must be repaired.

■ DADE commissioners have approved the employment of negro social service worker for the county juvenile and domestic relations court.

■ Army engineers turned over to DADE commissioners the new four-lane portion of LeJeune Road from Flagler Street to NW South River Drive.

■ A county detention home for juveniles is projected in PALM BEACH County.

■ LEON commission bought a half dozen trucks released by the army for use in road maintenance.

■ St. Petersburg Realtor Board sent resolutions to PINELLAS commissioners objecting to oil exploration drilling in residential areas.

■ ESCAMBIA commission offered a reward of \$20 for a small black mule, lost, strayed or stolen from a convict camp.

■ HARDEE commissioners accepted the resignation of W. W. Whitehurst as county prosecutor and appointed State Attorney Grady Burton to the post.

■ Audit of PINELLAS commission records revealed financial condition

sound, finances carefully managed, expenditures kept within limits and budgets well prepared and executed.

■ BAY commission received no response to an advertisement for a dragline.

■ HILLSBOROUGH commissioners agreed to turn over to city of Tampa the Hillsborough River site formerly used for the county detention home for development into a park.

■ The DUVAL County Planning and Zoning Board has been organized with F. Clyde Reese chairman.

■ Pioneers and other sentimental Orange County citizens are urging the ORANGE commission not to dispose of the historic old courthouse.

■ County commissioners all over the State were congratulating each other and being congratulated by friends and well-wishers on adoption of the constitutional amendment extending their terms to four years.

■ Bids are sought by ST. LUCIE commission for a sawmill to cut timber for county bridges.

■ A War Department check for \$30,000 was received by the PALM BEACH commission to pay for the paving of a 2½-mile section of the Okeechobee Road, after Belvedere Road, formerly an entrance to the city was closed for military purposes.

■ DADE commissioners chose a site on lower Virginia Key, east of the Rickenbacker Causeway to Biscayne Bay for a proposed aquarium and marine life laboratory.

■ Preston B. Bird, chairman of the DADE commission was elected a director of the American National Bank of Miami.

■ HILLSBOROUGH commissioners set aside eight lots in Florence Villa subdivision for a Boy Scout playground. Commissioners were asked also to set aside four lots on Cass street for a playground for negro children.

■ Ten acres were leased and work started on a third farm labor camp for BROWARD County at Deerfield to accommodate about 500 Bahaman laborers.

■ PUTNAM commissioners joined with other groups in welcoming a proposed pulp mill. The board voted \$25 a month toward aid for returning veterans.

■ Commissions of DADE and MONROE Counties have been urged by Homestead city council to deed the Cape Sable road to the State.

■ HILLSBOROUGH board is taking active steps leading toward the construction of a 13-mile strip of Highway 79 in the eastern part of the county.

■ Capt. Vernon Blank, son of County Commissioner Elmer Blank of VO-

LUSIA County, was reported missing in action in Holland.

■ PINELLAS commissioners were hosts to 50 breeders and consignors at the annual dinner at the county home in connection with the sale conducted by the Guernsey Cattle Club.

■ PUTNAM commissioners adopted a resolution of sympathy with State Attorney and Mrs. J. C. Calhoun in the death of their son, Sgt. Benjamin P. Calhoun in a bomber crash at Dallas.

■ Storm damage caused many headaches to commissioners of many peninsular counties. Convict labor, donated trucks, State Road Department bulldozers, were pressed into service to help regular county crews in clearing debris from highways.

■ PALM BEACH commissioners, after acquiring 7,000 parcels of real estate under a super foreclosure decree, asked that the decree be set aside to correct errors, eliminate Federal, religious and other properties and to give landowners another chance.

■ Several counties increased the pay of election officials this year.

HEALTH OFFICIAL WARNS HUNTERS ABOUT RABBITS

In the first days of "open hunting season," the State Board of Health has warned hunters to be careful of the innocent appearing little cottontails, carriers of tularemia—and to shoot only those that run with a spirited gait.

Ninety percent of all tularemia is spread by wild rabbits, although it is also known to occur in as many as 20 other kinds of wildlife, according to Dr. Henry Hanson, State health officer.

The disease is spread to man by contact of his bare hands with the raw flesh and blood of infected animals and sometimes by the bites of blood-sucking ticks and flies or lice which more often habitate on wild animals than on those raised domestically, Dr. Hanson said.

It is these insects which spread the disease among rabbits. The virus is so potent that persons merely picking ticks from an infected animal have been known to succumb with the fever.

The germs enter the human body even through unbroken skin, but are expedited by broken tissue which hunters and housewives may easily acquire, the health official said.

All persons handling rabbits, particularly hunters and those cleaning the game, have been urged to keep bare hands out of the body cavity. For those who must dress the animals, rubber gloves offer reasonable protection—and be careful that sharp fragments of bone do not pierce the gloves, Dr. Hanson warned.

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IT HAPPENED IN FLORIDA . . .

CARL SLOVER, 3 feet 5½ inches tall, 27 years of age, a native of Czechoslovakia, became an American citizen at naturalization ceremonies in Federal court at Tampa. Slover, who stood on a chair to take the oath, has left his post as page at the Tampa Terrace Hotel to go into show business, and will leave soon for California.

★ Two amnesia cases developed recently in Orlando. In one a husband and 13-year old son were frantically searching for a missing young matron. In the other case, a letter from a soldier found in her pocket led to identification of a young woman who could not remember who she was.

★ At Miami Beach a life guard startled bathers by blowing his alarm whistle and, when he had everyone's attention, holding up a strayed baby for identification.

★ Florida milkweed floss is being used to stuff life jackets—it will keep a serviceman afloat for 40 hours in storm-tossed waters, and insulates against the cold. Florida Spanish moss is being processed and marketed for use in upholstery.

★ A St. Petersburg grandmother was astonished when a friend asked if a picture published in the morning newspaper was not that of her left leg. Close inspection convinced her that it was. The picture was of a group and the friend had seen her pass just as the photographer snapped and was prepared to identify the grandmother by the hem of her skirt and style of her shoe.

★ Driver of a Jacksonville garbage truck did not lose his nerve when he noticed a fire burning briskly behind him. Driving to a fire station he watched firemen extinguish the blaze with hand equipment, then proceeded on his rounds.

★ A wood-cutting bee, in the finest colonial tradition was held at the community house at Seminole. After wood was cut and hauled from the Greer pasture, the friends gathered at the Greer home for a feed.

★ While a constable and her husband watched, a Clearwater woman, operator of a small hotel, shot herself in the shoulder. The husband had had some domestic trouble, decided to leave to resume duties with the merchant marine, asked the constable to accompany him to the hotel while he obtained his clothing. As they talked with the woman, she drew a .32 calibre revolver, turned it on herself and fired. The wound was superficial.

★ The McKinnon's missing chicken is

back again in their Tampa home. Believed a storm casualty, it was found riding on the bumper of the McKinnon family car after a three-mile drive.

★ No questions will be asked of the parties unknown who may have in their possession the tin roof of the Tampa rationing board parking lot office which strayed off during the storm.

★ Argument over a 5-cent bus fare led to a suit in Miami by a woman passenger against the transit company in which damages of \$6,500 are asked.

★ Fire at a St. Petersburg ice plant warmed things up in a cold spot but though flame and smoke billowed from an exhaust stack high into the air no real damage was discovered.

★ Robert Lee Atkinson, 10, Pensacola news carrier, saved \$5, gave it all to the Red Cross, after hearing his teacher explain the work of that agency.

★ Youngest ship chistener is Pat Harris, 13, who launched a steel barge with the traditional bottle of champagne at Tampa.

★ Police at St. Petersburg are puzzled but helpless in the face of check passing by a religious citizen to the tune of checks running, one for \$7,000, three for \$5,000 each and one for \$1,000. All were sent as donations to a West Coast radio evangelist and none were good. Since nothing at all was received in return for the checks there was no fraud.

★ Specialist 1/C Emil John Calcagni was awarded the Secretary of the Navy's commendation for the rescue of a young matron at Jacksonville Beach.

★ "A loud and fast whirring sound" that broke windows and disturbed the peace generally in a belt from Sanford to Daytona Beach started a lot of rumors and caused an investigation—with what result it has not been learned.

★ A swastika painted by Hallowe'en pranksters on a post in front of a home east of Orlando brought an FBI investigator who found in the home flags of the United States and Great Britain and pictures of sons in the service, one of whom was at home after service for two years in the Navy in the South Pacific.

★ At St. Petersburg city officials are uncertain what to do about a small white milk goat which has been installed, together with a neat newly built home, on city property. Ordinances have been searched for a prohibition but nothing seems to fit the case.

★ Booked as a bookie, a Miami housewife paid a \$100 fine, answered the judge's question, as to how she happened to get into the business of taking wagers on the ponies, with a smile and nothing more.

★ More than 500 orchids are blooming in the Mead botanical gardens at Orlando and a truckload of new plants was received.

★ At Miami, Charles Norton, 85 fell from a roof, was killed. The fire department emergency squad was led by the man who had sold him the lumber.

★ A modest Tampa maiden tried for 10 minutes to post a letter in a wind-storm but every time she lifted her hand to drop the letter in the slot she dropped it again quickly to curb billowing skirts. A passer-by relieved her distress by depositing the letter for her, leaving both hands free to hold down the unruly skirt.

★ No clue was found by police to ownership of a pair of pants and a pair of shoes found on Indian Rocks Beach. Identification indicated that a man 4 feet 8 inches, with a long face and light moustache may have drowned while swimming at that point.

★ Three days after his estranged wife sued him for divorce, a Miami airways steward disappeared with their 22-months-old baby girl.

★ WASP Mary Alice Gresham, whose parents live at Lake Placid, won commendation for landing a B-26 bomber without damage after one of its engines quit on a target-towing mission.

★ After the storm Miami street cleaners swept up large quantities of dead "beetle-like insects" of unknown origin.

★ After serving 16 months with the army in the South Pacific, James E. McCart, 17 years of age, collected a black eye at Key West in an argument with a sailor who called him a "4-F," went to Miami with parental consent and joined the Navy.

★ Fastest land trip between Jacksonville and Tampa is claimed by a St. Petersburg man who says he drove it several years ago in 3 hours and 10 minutes.

★ When the wife of a soldier was found brutally slain near Orlando officers began looking for bloodstains on the clothing of those who had last been seen with her at a beer parlor. They found stains everywhere. Analysis proved: that the bloodstains on one soldier's pants were from steaks he had purloined from the camp stores; that the bloodstains on another soldier's uniform were from a cut on his head made by an MP's night stick; that the bloodstains on a newspaper in another soldier's car were from the cut foot of his little son; that the bloodstains on a civilian's shirt were from a wild turkey he had shot out of season; that the bloodstains in another

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their inception. Through its Washington representative the commission has worked very closely with all of the other citrus producing areas.

Assessments of .01, .03, .04 and .05 respectively are made for each box of oranges, grapefruit, limes and tangerines shipped in fresh form or canned. These funds, which amount to approximately \$1,000,000 annually, are largely used for carrying on sales service work and the advertising of Florida citrus fruits.

In advertising fresh citrus fruits in the past fiscal year, selected newspapers with a combined circulation of over 35,000,000 were used. In addition, full page color advertisements were published in the Sunday sections of metropolitan newspapers with a circulation of over 8,715,000. Special radio announcements were used at intervals in certain markets to bolster sales of Florida citrus. In advertising canned citrus products, seven national magazines and two Sunday supplements were used with a combined circulation of more than 30,000,000.

The sales service department has a staff of nine men engaged in contacting the trade in the natural Florida distribution area. During the past fiscal year a total of 280 individual cities were worked with these men contacting important factors in the three major divisions of activity which include food sales at retail, food service group and military contacts. The first group includes corporate chains, voluntary groups, super markets, wholesalers, brokers, and miscellaneous grocers. The food service group includes drug chains, independent drugs, variety chains and restaurant chains. The military contacts include market centers and military posts.

During the past year display materials for retail outlets in the form of price cards, wall posters, banners, etc., were distributed in 33 States and five Canadian provinces. A total of 1,011 orders for this type of material were filled using approximately 1,500,000

pieces featuring oranges, grapefruit, limes and tangerines.

Advertising and sales promotion activities are supplemented by a national consumer publicity campaign in which photographs, stories, recipes, etc., were furnished to newspapers, magazines, radio stations, trade journals and other publications throughout the country. A check in the period February 1943 to June 1943 showed that a circulation of 200,928,889 readers were reached through newspapers and magazines.

The commission's research director works closely with various State and Federal agencies and uses their facilities rather than establishing a separate laboratory. The activities of this department are carried out at the several locations.

In 1941 the legislature enacted a law which authorizes the commission to use up to 3 percent of the funds collected for advertising in the investigation and handling of transportation problems. The Growers and Shippers League, a nonprofit organization located at Orlando, is the commission's agent for the handling of transportation rates, charges, rules, regulations and practices affecting the citrus industry, particularly with respect to fresh fruit shipments. This agency has saved growers and shippers many thousands of dollars and has succeeded in bringing about many changes in wartime restrictions and regulations on transportation which have been beneficial to the industry.

The Florida Cannery Association, Tampa, is the commission's agent for handling transportation problems relating to the shipment of canned citrus fruits and juices.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1943 a total of \$1,345,070.27 was collected by assessments on fruit used commercially. Most of the revenue is used for advertising and sales promotion work. Three percent is available for handling transportation problems and a maximum of five percent is available for research. The law provides that all monies collected shall be paid into the State treasury on or before the 15th day of each month and that such monies

shall be credited to the respective advertising funds. All disbursements in connection with the commission's activities are by State warrant. Until June 30, 1943 the commission was allowed certain revenues from the general inspection fund.

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COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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vision of Dr. F. G. Walton Smith, biologist, University of Miami.

The State Conservation Department has normally a field force of forty agents whose duty it is to patrol both coasts of the State, the St. Johns River, Lake George and Lake Okeechobee. Available to these agents are nine patrol boats docked at advantageous points for enforcing conservation measures. These boats are all new, with the exception of one, and acquired during the present administration despite the fact that there was only about \$2,000 in the operating fund at the beginning of the term. Between \$70,000 and \$80,000 will probably be left in the same fund at the retirement of the Holland administration.

Since beginning of the war conservation agents with patrol boats have cooperated fully with the Navy and Coast Guard in defending harbors and coast line. This was especially true along the Florida Keys during the German submarine menace. The operators of the boats were enlisted as Reserve Coast Guardsmen.

One patrol boat is specially fitted for sponge patrol work. The sponge industry of Florida, measured in dollars and cents, has grown during the present administration from less than a million dollars annually to approximately two and one-half million dollars. The U. S. Navy is one of the largest users of sponges.

STATE PLANNING BOARD

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several legislative committees, and much work was done between sessions for interim committees. Scheduled for early completion are studies being made of governmental problems for three such committees, including one of the most comprehensive surveys of Florida municipal finances ever made, studies of governmental efficiency, personnel, finance, etc. The board's staff is working very closely in these programs with the members and special staff of the three legislative committees.

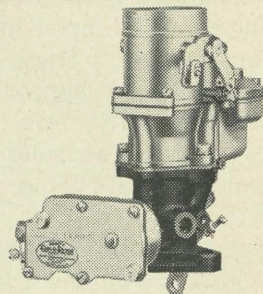
3. Post-war Planning. The board

developed a comprehensive program for over-all post-war planning, dividing the work into six divisions covering agriculture, industry, public relations, public service, welfare, and public administration. In each division the board's staff is working with a group of consultant experts in the formulation of a definite program. Some sections have been completed, some will not be ready before the 1945 legislature.

The six divisions will require a considerable amount of research and compilation of the board's staff and will show how favorably Florida's post-war plans compare with those of other States, as well as providing a long range program of future development for Florida's natural resources. In addition, the board has stimulated local public agencies in the scheduling of more than a hundred million dollars worth of needed public works, and has served as clearinghouse for some seventeen millions in State projects.

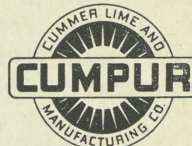
To aid local communities in post-war planning, a pamphlet entitled "Florida Communities—Their Problems, Their Future" was published and widely circulated, and in cooperation with the State Chamber of Commerce, a vast body of local data was gathered and published in the "Statistical

Abstract of Florida Counties," a project that also entailed considerable research work for the staff and necessitated close cooperation with the State Chamber of Commerce, counties, and municipalities of the State. Assistance was given several cities and counties by technical studies in the field.



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Following appointments of new board members and the State welfare commissioner, studies were made in the setting up of an organization to give the maximum services during the wartime period. Departments were integrated, eliminating any overlapping of services, with special emphasis being placed on an economical and efficient administration. Although handicapped by a salary limitation clause for supervisory positions in the present State welfare act, the board has been able to make rapid progress in the handling of thousands of applications, investigations for institutions and special services during the war effort. It is now operating with the smallest staff in the history of the program.

By far the largest program administered by the State Welfare Board is that of public assistance, rendered in the form of services, financial and otherwise, to the aged, blind and dependent children. Previous to the present administration the State welfare program had been supported by a continued annual appropriation of \$3,400,000 in State funds for the payment of old age assistance and aid to the blind and administration costs in carrying out the purposes of the State welfare act, and \$400,000 for the aid to dependent children program.

With full matching of Federal funds with State funds, average grants in January 1941 were only \$12.61 per month for old age assistance, \$13.34 per month for aid to the blind and \$25.94 per family per month for aid to dependent children.

As a result of increased appropriations by the 1941 and 1943 sessions of the legislature the State Welfare Board has been able to

more than keep up with the rising costs of living, and, as of the month of October 1944, had increased its average monthly grants to \$28.40 for old age assistance, \$29.49 for aid to the blind and \$33.06 for aid to dependent children. These figures show well over 100 percent increase in monthly grants for the aged and the blind, and, according to the records of the Social Security Board, rank well above any other Southern State and compare favorably with the national record. Until recently it was not possible to make increases in aid to dependent children due to lack of funds appropriated for this purpose.

As of October 1944, more than 6,300 aged persons were receiving the maximum grant of \$40 per month, as compared to only 172 in June 1943. This maximum was increased from \$30 during the 1941 legislative session.

Total public assistance cash payments for October 1944 amounted

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Funds have been released by the State cabinet for two long-standing projects. One was \$45,000 to form a nucleus of a multi-million dollar fund for the restoration of St. Augustine landmarks. The other was \$15,000 for preliminary work on the Stephen Foster Memorial on the banks of the Suwannee River at White Springs. Two new Meccas for countless thousands of pilgrims who will come to Florida in the years ahead.—Melbourne Times.

to \$1,303,506 or approximately 2½ times as much as in January 1941. At the beginning of the present administration there were 15,070 pending public assistance applications on file dating back as far as the year 1938. Inadequate funds made it impossible for the board to authorize investigations until after the 1941 session of the legislature when additional revenues were provided through an increased tax on horse racing for the aged, and the levying of a tax on wine and a selection tag tax and a heavy duty truck tax for the aid to dependent children program.

Although the heavy duty truck tax and wine tax failed to produce the anticipated revenue for the handling of pending aid to dependent children, applications which numbered more than 8,000, the 1941-1942 horse racing season provided \$2,000,000, making it possible for the board to begin its in-

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vestigation of more than 8,500 old age assistance applications, bringing them on a current basis as of June 1943.

During the past year increased State revenue from horse tracks, wine tax and the heavy duty truck tax was found to be adequate to bring all programs to a current basis and include the increased average grants.

During the four-year period the State welfare program of social services was expanded in accordance with current demands resulting from the progress of the war effort. These services included cooperation with the State Defense Council, the American Red Cross and similar agencies, with the Federal government in the administration of civilian war assistance and services to enemy aliens and others affected by restrictive governmental action, with the Selective Service in determining the dependency claims of registrants for military duty, medical studies to determine the ability of registrants to adapt to military life, and screening services for the Woman's Army Corps. The agency also cooperated fully with the State Board of Health, law enforcement officers and other agencies in rendering social protection to young girls.

Through the combining of the State Department of Public Assistance with the Child Welfare Department, in the one Department of Social Service, it was possible to give increased services to children receiving public assistance and also to those benefiting in demonstration areas from specialized child welfare services.

Additional services were also rendered to cities and municipalities, in accordance with the provisions of the State welfare act, and such surplus commodities as were furnished by the Federal government were distributed to State institutions, charitable institutions and the public schools in connection with the school lunch program. Present distribution is at the rate of more than \$1,000,000 worth of commodities per year.

In 1943 the legislature further increased the responsibilities of the State welfare agency through the enactment of an adoption law requiring it to make social studies of petitions for adoption for the purpose of determining the fitness of parents to adopt and of children to be adopted. Approximately 600 such studies were made the first year the law was in effect.

The agency, throughout the four-year period, continued to exercise licensing authority over boarding homes, care institutions and welfare agencies caring for children, for the purpose of

maintaining minimum standards. A special licensing statute enacted in 1941 and applying to counties of 267,000 population only, extended the licensing function to child care facilities caring for nondependent children.

As a further service to the aged, the 1943 session of the legislature provided for the payment of accrued public assistance on the death of a person entitled to receive it to such person as had been designated by the recipient.

Another important development of the program was the adoption of a new procedure for the distribution of additional public assistance funds—such as the additional \$1,000,000 received in racing revenues during April of this year—the same month they became available. Also of importance to recipients was the increasing of budgetary allowances to include additional items in conformity with the increase in public assistance revenues.

For the purpose of rendering services to the blind, other than by the payment of cash grants to the eligible needy, the 1941 session of the legislature created the Florida Council for the Blind, an independent governing

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body, one member of which must also be a member of the State Welfare Board. The State welfare agency cooperates with the council in various ways, its district offices serving as the council's local intake offices and making referrals which are evaluated by one of the three departments of the council—sight conservation, special services and employment.

Activities of the agency have been handicapped by personnel shortages and large staff turn-over incident to war demands for manpower. Throughout the war period, however, the merit system has remained in effect and personnel standards have been maintained. Merit system examinations have been held annually and for some of the more active classifications are on a continuing basis. Florida's Merit System Council is serving the State Welfare Board and the Florida Industrial Commission and is recognized nationally as one of the best.

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FLORIDA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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1944 the well had produced over 13,000 barrels of a black, asphaltic crude oil of a gravity degrees A. P. 18.5. This oil is associated with a highly concentrated brine that has been separated from the oil and conducted back into the well.

Although this has been the only producing well in Florida, its very existence has greatly increased the activities of many oil companies and the Florida Geological Survey. Over fifteen oil companies have moved into Florida and some of them have begun drilling. A number of independent oil companies are also prospecting and

drilling, but the great depth at which oil will probably be found precludes much of the speculative wildcat drilling that has occurred in other States. Moreover, these oil companies have spent during the last four years, and most of it the last two years, a total of over \$6,000,000 of which about \$4,875,000 was spent on geophysical and geological exploration and about \$1,175,000 on the drilling of test oil wells. These figures do not include sums spent on land leases and purchases. As drilling increases much larger sums will be spent and a great portion of this money will be spent in Florida.

The staff of the survey has been enlarged to carry out this expanded work and for cooperation with oil development by the addition of a petroleum geologist and engineer, micropaleontologist, and a research assistant. The library has been enlarged and librarian engaged, and the museum has been kept up and added to.

The director of the survey has been Emergency Coordinator of Mines for Florida and president of the rapidly growing Southeastern Geological Society. He and some members of his staff have helped in many ways with talks and attendance at various meet-

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PROMOTING HIGHWAY

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Georgia Highway Patrol and the Alabama Highway Patrol. Through this effective means of communication, assistance has been rendered and received from these two bordering States. Many criminal apprehensions have been made which could not have resulted if the patrol cars had not been equipped with this means of communication.

During the October hurricane of this year, patrol radio stations and patrol cars, located in hurricane areas, were the only means of communication with the outside world. When other means of communication failed, because power for operation was not available or lines were swept down, the Florida Highway Patrol radioed emergency messages from patrol cars in these areas. Motorists were protected and casualties prevented when highway patrol cars kept motorists informed of dangerous debris on the highways. Other safety measures were put into operation by blocking highways and preventing motorists from going into areas in which the hurricane was raging.

Florida citizens wanted highway traffic control and safety. Under the Florida Highway Patrol, the records show continued decrease in traffic casualties.

FORESTS AND PARKS

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said county; (5) empowering counties, cities, towns, or school districts to establish community forests; (6) conferring the power of eminent domain on the board; (7) authorizing the State Road Department to expend State road funds for the construction and maintenance of roads within the boundaries of State parks and access roads to the State parks; (8) increasing penalties for violating the woods burning section of the forest protection act; (9) amending the county fire control act to provide for securing signatures of owners of more than 50 percent of the county acreage, petitioning the county commissioners to place on ballot and providing for a maximum of 2 mills tax for county-wide forest fire control; (10) au-

thorizing one State agency to convey title of lands to another State agency for State parks, State forests, etc.; (11) a permissive seed tree law which would convey title of seed trees to a State agency.

In 1941 the State appropriation was increased from \$210,000 to \$300,000 per annum. The State funds are supplemented by those received from the U. S. Forest Service, counties, landowners, and receipts obtained in the operation of the State parks and State-owned forests. The State appropriation remained constant for the four-year period except for the 10 percent reduction in 1942 to cooperate with the State economy program advocated by the governor.

Although the increase in State appropriations did not permit a sizable expansion of the program due to the limitations caused by the war they were necessary to absorb the increase in costs of all operations and maintenance including labor. Likewise, the department was called upon to render additional services in both the forestry and park fields in connection with the all-out war effort. Many of these services were financed in whole or part by the U. S. Forest Service in cooperation with us but many others were financed from State funds.

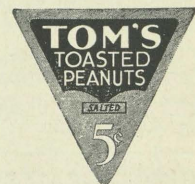
The Aircraft Warning Service utilized the complete State tower and radio systems and a great deal of the telephone system. These posts located in isolated sections were particularly advantageous. A

large portion of the additional expense was met by the U. S. Forest Service. The State's extensive coast line with frequent forest fires occurring in areas of no organized forest protection afforded a serious problem to coastwise shipping. The glow of these fires made shipping vulnerable to submarine attack. The many airfields located in Florida also called attention to the necessity for preventing and controlling fires to reduce the smoke hazard and avoid loss of flying time in the training of pilots. This problem was met through the cooperation of the U. S. Forest Service with the Florida Forest and Park Service in financing extra fire crews and equipment operating under State supervision.

The forest protected acreage increased from 4,982,836 acres in 1941 to 5,303,008 acres in 1944. Dur-

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ing that period of time the percentage burned decreased from 4.30 in 1941 to 3.31 in 1944. Seven counties are cooperating in the forest fire prevention and control program in addition to 468 landowners. These counties are Duval, Volusia, Hillsborough, Bay, Pinellas, Orange and Dade. Seven additional counties voted on county fire control November 7. These counties are Escambia, Calhoun, Hamilton, St. Johns, Flagler, Alachua and Madison.

The main object of forestry is to provide and maintain such conditions as will assure the production of maximum continuous quantities of forest products. The effective control of forest fires has always been recognized as being one of the major factors in accomplishing this objective. The other factor is informing timberland owners as to the methods to be used in properly cutting the products to assure the maximum income in the shortest possible time. This involves marking the trees to be cut, selecting the trees to be harvested for the proper product and securing an idea of the value and quantity. Many landowners welcome this service. In the past few years this phase of the program has expanded tremendously. In 1941 two foresters were assigned full time to this work covering two counties. Other personnel extended this coverage but not so intensively. These men helped 236 farmers and assisted them in marketing \$6,200 of forest products.

Now six men are assigned full time to this activity and thus far in 1944 they have assisted over 800 landowners in about 20 counties and helped them sell this year forest products valued at \$252,500. During the entire four-year period contacts were made with a total of 1,620 timberland owners rendering assistance in the proper management of their forest crop.

Proper cutting practices were also demonstrated on six pulpwood areas in cooperation with pulpwood companies and their contractors. Hundreds of adjoining farmers and landowners attended these cutting demonstrations where they could observe proper and improper methods of cutting.

The cooperative naval stores agent assisted a total of 800 naval stores operators from 1941 to 1944 in the proper cupping and chipping of trees or rendered assistance in the operation of the turpentine still.

Some areas in the State will not reseed naturally because all the seed trees have been cut or destroyed. Trees must be planted, and in the last four years 20,000,000 pine seedlings have

been distributed. These are sold at cost to timberland owners and farmers. Three pulp mills in the State, however, are purchasing seedlings from the service and distributing them free of charge to owners for reforestation purposes. These companies have thus far distributed over three and a half million seedlings.

In the past two years efforts of early reforestation activities have produced results. Several 13-year-old plantations were thinned, removing only the defective, diseased and poorly formed trees for pulpwood. The total growth value averaged about \$3.25 per acre per year for the 13-year period of which about 50 percent was removed in the original cut. The stands are now in condition to grow a greater

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tation was cupped for turpentine, hanging 65 faces per acre, which is at least three times the average for the State. All these plantings are in old fields where growth and volume are greater than for plantings made in the woods.

The educational and informational work of the department is of a continuing and all embracing nature. It serves the action branches and consequently more difficult to cite specific accomplishments. A recognition of the need for better informing our children and residents of the value of our forest and recreational resources has always existed but it has been stimulated by the demand made upon our forests by the war. This has been met by placing three additional men in the field to intensify this activity.

One of the most important features of this program is the plan to reach every school child in the State with a forestry and park message on a three-year schedule. The plan further contemplates reaching every citizen on a county basis with a similar story through meetings, newspapers, radio, motion pictures and related publicity channels. During the past one and a half years 33 counties have been covered with such a program which reached 261,733 people. Thousands of pieces of literature have been distributed.

In connection with the schools, interest has been created in establishing a few school forests—planted by school children with seedlings provided free of charge by the Florida Forest and Park Service. Other agencies and companies are also interested in greatly expanding this worthy project. Through cooperation with the vocational agricultural teachers in high schools those students have planted about 895,000 seedlings on their farm holdings during the past four years. The Florida Forest and Park Service provided most of these seedlings free of charge but several pulpwood companies have also contributed for the same purpose. These boys also planted about 300 pounds of slash pine seed which have produced additional seedlings planted on their farms. During the same period about 400 farm boys, mostly Future Farmers of America, have attended a two-weeks forestry camp at O'Leno during which time the Florida Forest and Park Service has given them additional practical experience in the manner of growing trees as a crop.

Approximately four years ago the State park system consisted of 10 parks and one recreational or group camp area. Seven of these parks and the group camp were being developed—Ft. Clinch, Gold Head Branch, Torreya, Florida Caverns, Highlands Hammock, Myakka River, Hillsborough River and O'Leno. The remaining three areas were not being developed—Suwannee River, Tomoka and Pan-American. These areas had largely

been developed through the assistance of the CCC which was withdrawn in June 1942. On account of current conditions very little progress has been made in completing the improvements and facilities required to make these areas fully usable by the public.

In 1941, 91,067 persons visited the State parks, a 54 percent increase over the previous year. That year receipts were \$10,781.29—an increase of 102 percent over the preceding year. These figures dropped considerably after declaration of war and imposition of travel restrictions. Attendance in 1944 was 64,943 with receipts of \$16,039.57. The increase in receipts was due largely to the renting of one of the

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without any admission fee. The parks have provided a valuable service to members of the armed forces and they have used the areas for picnicking, boating, fishing, etc. This use has increased operating and maintenance costs but has proved very satisfying. Parts of some of these parks have also been utilized for training purposes and encampments.

Governor Holland was entirely instrumental in making possible a donation by the late Hugh Taylor Birch of an area named the Hugh Taylor Birch State Park of 250 acres near Ft. Lauderdale with a half mile frontage on the Atlantic Ocean and a little more than a mile of frontage on the Inland Waterway. This is the only State park with beach frontage on the lower east coast and is a most valuable addition to the system. Another outstanding area of about 7,500 acres has been added to the State parks through the generosity of the Barron Collier interests and the county commissioners of Collier County, represented by D. Graham Copeland. This area makes possible the preservation of thousands of acres of mangrove, and a quantity of Royal Palms, and fills a need for a State park on the west coast traversed by the Tamiami Trail. Negotiations have also commenced which will culminate in the establishment by the board of a State park on Little Talbot Island in Duval County. This is likewise a very desirable area and when completed as a State park will be an important link in the system.

The long-range objectives of the Florida Forest and Park Service have been combined with a post-war plan. This material is now being published and will be ready for release in a short time. It cites the problems, suggests remedial action, and estimates the initial and operating costs of making the program effective.

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A FINE RECORD OF STATE MANAGEMENT

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tary authorities on the leasing of Florida hotels to permit owners to make satisfactory plans and adjustments;

Declaration that citrus fruit is a primary food product in order to maintain Federal purchases and establish satisfactory ceiling prices;

Defeat of a proposed Federal tax on pari-mutuel racing revenues that would have seriously interfered with racing in Florida and with the State interest in tax revenue.

In addition to these accomplishments of special State interest, Governor Holland was a leader at the conferences of governors on important objectives such as removal of the freight rate differential that penalizes the

South. He also was an effective witness before the Interstate Commerce Commission on the freight rate issue. In 1944, he was a member of the executive committee of the national governors on finance.

As Florida's representative he has attended and participated in many events in other parts of the country—made talks over the radio, helped promote Florida at exhibits and the World's Fair, advertised and stimulated interest in Florida among prospective home owners and industrialists.

This does not tell the whole story but, it may give a general idea and as was said in the beginning of this editorial, the administration of Governor Spessard L. Holland, everyone agrees, has been, without question, the best and most successful since . . .

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SAFEGUARDING PUBLIC HEALTH

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and aggregate sentences of 136 years and 22 months imposed by the courts with fines to a total of \$4,458.08.

The department has worked closely with the Army and Navy intelligence officers in connection with thefts of narcotics at military camps.

In the Sanitary Engineering Bureau there has been wide activity in connection with water supply, sewage treatment and disposal developments. Some of the communities where civilian water or sewage improvements were developed are Panama City, Jacksonville, Carrabelle, Marianna, Fort Walton, Miami and Key West.

Careful study has also been given to stream and tidal water pollution. This has been necessitated principally for the protection of the shellfish-growing areas, and the increased number of population concentrations in those sections, brought on by the war.

Other efforts have included special activities in environmental sanitation and food-handler schools. Of interest and importance has been the work inaugurated on the sanitation of school lunch departments in the State. It is expected that this will develop into a comprehensive program of improvement in sanitary conditions in school lunchrooms.

Another bureau which depicts the increase in State Board of Health responsibilities is the laboratory, which includes four branches over the State. Its work has increased 50 percent during the past four years, with a total of 1,320,058 tests made in 1943 alone. A further increase is indicated for the current year.

The establishment of venereal disease hospitals and clinics in the State, as well as tests made on selectees for military service are partly responsible for the tremendous increase of work in the bacteriological department.

The Tuberculosis Bureau, laboring under an anticipated rise in TB incidence, has been constantly alert and active with a preventive program.

A State-wide case-finding project by means of the mobile 35 mm. X-ray unit has been conducted in virtually every county in Florida. The work so greatly increased that it was necessary to appoint an assistant to the technician.

A new course of case-finding was established when the Selective Service System Headquarters, St. Augustine, and the Induction Center, Camp Blanding, began reporting registrants rejected because of tuberculosis. Not all were active cases requiring treatment and many had been previously reported through other channels. At least one-third however, would appear to be newly discovered cases. A system therefore, was devised whereby the chest films of the rejectees are routed from Camp Blanding to this of-

fice. Here, they are reviewed and recommendations made in each case.

The past quarter of 1944 is being devoted to X-raying in war industries. To date the Gibbs Dry Dock and Repair Company, Merrill-Stevens Dry Dock and Repair Company, Huckins Yacht Corporation, all of Jacksonville, have been surveyed by the mobile X-ray unit. The trailer is currently operating at the St. Johns River Shipyard Company.

"Florida's School Health Program," the bulletin published jointly by the State Board of Health and the State Department of Education, is an important contribution made during the past four years, in cooperation with other bureaus and agencies, toward the needed improvement of school health conditions in Florida.

Negro health education expanded through the work of a negro consultant in the bureau. The cooperation of many negro groups has been enlisted for dispensing health information and for training qualified negroes for leadership among their people in the

solution of their own health problems.

Important progress has been made through systematized news releases and pictures, the continued growth of the already excellent medical library,

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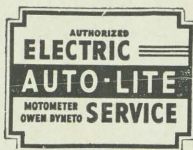
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and the decided improvement of pamphlet and poster materials. An intensive State-wide venereal disease education and control campaign was conducted last winter by the bureau in cooperation with the Division of Venereal Disease Control to help meet needs of war-increased urgency.

The Bureau of Malaria Control for the duration is charged with the direction of malaria mosquito control in all zones surrounding military and vital industrial areas in the State. The measures have by necessity been largely of temporary nature, such as ditching and larvicide application. Plans, however, are now underway to convert some of them to permanent installations in the larger population centers, utilizing local funds as far as practicable.

The U. S. Public Health Service has provided personnel and operating expense for the emergency program as well as funds for the control of disease-carrying modestic mosquitoes in the cities of Jacksonville, Tampa, Miami and Key West; all under the guidance of the Malaria Control Bureau.

In the department of epidemiology, better methods of statistical tabulation and representation have been developed as well as improved educational material on preventable diseases in cooperation with the Bureau of Health Education.

The systematic and unified plan for issuing a general State health certificate on an epidemiological basis has been introduced by the cooperation of the Florida State Hotel Commission, State Beauty Culture Board, the Barbers and Masseurs Board and the State Department of Education.

The distribution of insulin to all indigent diabetics has been decentralized, and is now being handled through the local health authorities. Whooping cough vaccine and special hookworm treatments have been supplied local health authorities through funds from the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health.

The Vital Statistics Bureau reports that there were 21,295 deaths in 1939, and in 1943, 24,259. In 1939, 27,866 marriages were performed in Florida—in 1943, 53,912. Births soared too, with 32,328 in 1939 and 48,299 in 1943.

Requests for searches of the records jumped from 13,804 in 1939 to 79,948 in 1943.

Handling this vast increase of work called for an increase from 38 persons in 1939 (12 were WPA) to 56 last year.

FOURTH ESTATE

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chaos and system of "one man's opinion" and political favoritism from which Holland and Lee rescued them.

In fact the "drift back" had already started. Notably in Hillsborough County, which resisted in the first place

more vehemently than most counties, the establishment of the new order. Such sharp reductions had occurred this year that the county was forced, despite bitter opposition, to raise the millages materially.

Florida Tax League showed, in a detailed report, that big property owners, either by court order or otherwise, had got their assessments reduced as much as 33 percent, leaving the brunt of the tax load on the little fellow.

In announcing the tax manual for use next year Lee stated that shortage of qualified assistance as well as necessary research had delayed compilation of the manual. Actually Lee had been bitterly opposed by many of the county assessors and other powerful county officials who resent encroachment of State officials into county affairs.

Governor-elect Millard Caldwell has

been vigorous in favoring return of government to the smallest practicable units of government. He has, however, spoken kindly and favorably of the Holland-Lee tax reform laws.

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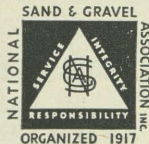
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and road debts and in the phenomenal tax collection records under the Holland tax reform laws it is to be hoped that he will not tamper with the State tax manual or any part of the new tax laws.

Prosperity, of course, has played an important part in current tax collection records. But never before in Florida's history have ad valorem tax collections approached 100 percent so universally. And Florida has had prosperity before. The conclusion is inescapable that the good laws and Holland's and Lee's vigorous enforcement of them have been a main factor in collections.

A State tax manual and the conviction in the mind of each taxpayer that he is being assessed equitably with his neighbor or competitor, is necessary to maintain the present splendid situation during times of stress and depression. In such times good laws and firm administration will pay its biggest dividends.—St. Petersburg Times.

Right Man For The Job

NOT ONLY DOES Gov. Spessard Holland deserve commendation for re-establishing the State Aviation Department, but also for appointing Lt. Col. Wright Vermilya to run it.

No man in Florida is better suited for the job. Since coming to West Palm Beach, Col. Vermilya has constantly been in the forefront of civil aviation development in this State. A World War I flier, he has never lost his interest in aviation. On the contrary, his enthusiasm for flying and his confidence in the future of aviation seems to increase with the years.

From a technical standpoint as well, the new director is admirably equipped for the task which has been entrusted to him. He knows Florida's aviation needs from every angle and understands how to meet them in a practical manner.

To Col. Vermilya is due much of the credit of the outstanding record made by the Civil Air Patrol in Florida. As wing commander and later as Southern coordinating officer his work has gained wide recognition from both military and civil authorities.

Continuance of the Civil Air Patrol program and its ground school courses for teen-age cadets is the immediate purpose of reactivating the aviation department, Governor Holland has revealed. Under Col. Vermilya this ac-

tivity will be in friendly and competent hands.

It is unthinkable that the next Florida legislature will fail to make provision for a broadened aviation program. In all probability that will involve the creation of an aviation department to be separate from the State Road Department. The two activities have little in common and if the aviation department is to assume the importance that Florida requires it must stand on its own feet.

Florida's aviation future will be largely decided during the next few years while the fate of the State's numerous military airfields is being determined.

The public is fortunate in having a man of "Ike" Vermilya's training and abilities to look after its interests during that critical period.—Palm Beach Post.

Everglades Refund Approved

THE SUPREME COURT'S approval of the Everglades Drainage District's bond refunding plan puts the final

stamp of legality on one of the most beneficent and far-reaching programs instituted by the Holland administration.

The plan will cut the total debt of the eleven-county area from \$5,300,000 to \$4,500,000. The refinancing is the latest move in negotiations instituted by Governor Spessard L. Holland early in 1941 to reduce the district's debt from \$16,000,000 to a point where it could handle its finances to the benefit of the property holders whose invest-

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ments were incumbered by a bonded debt load it could never get from under, and the State of Florida, the biggest landholder in the district.—Miami Herald.

A Fine Showing

WITH ALL BILLS paid and no outstanding obligations, Florida started its October business with \$9,494,689 in the general revenue fund.

In addition to that large sum there are special funds to give the State treasury an all-time high with which to start the work of the Caldwell administration next January.

Florida taxpayers are thankful for such a state of things; and they feel so sure that Millard Caldwell will tolerate no raids on the treasury, they regard the accumulation of money as a reserve that can tide the State through months following the close of the war when income from military activities will have ended.

The Times believes, too, that a substantial majority of the 1945 legislature will insist upon careful study of every project for which an appropriation is asked, and will stand with Governor Caldwell for a program of sensible economy.—Melbourne Times.

Caldwell Gives Good Advice

TAMPANS HAD THE first opportunity in the State to meet Governor-elect Millard Caldwell face to face since voters on Tuesday accorded him the largest vote given any of its State candidates. His words spoken before representative civic and business leaders were highly reassuring in view of turbulent and trying months ahead.

Florida can look forward with confidence in its newly elected State chief executive. Mr. Caldwell spoke frankly and plainly and made it clear that since the primary he has been thinking, planning and preparing his program. It is evident he has a grasp on the problems which will confront him and he forcefully made it known he will expect the thinking, accomplished business and civic leaders of the State to be ready to work with and for him "when I tap you on the shoulder."

Not only did Governor-elect Caldwell reveal that he is already planning his course of action but also he had some sound advice to offer business men and civic clubs. He spoke sharply against the long time policy of civic clubs to keep "hands off" controversial issues. It takes intelligent, fearless discussion to settle controversy beneficially, he reminded.

Mr. Caldwell was absolutely correct

when he urged that civic clubs and business men make it their business to get into controversial issues, pointing out that "either business can get into politics or later go out of business." That is strong medicine and not meant to be taken in doses which might cause business men to get into politics purely from selfish interest in hopes of gaining personal advantage. What Mr. Caldwell did mean was for business men and civic leaders to get into politics with the broad view of working for the benefit of the State as a whole.

Florida, as does the rest of the Nation, needs men of determination and vision in its positions of trust. There is an urgent need for recapturing control of the State, county and municipal legislative and executive functions, too many of which have been relinquished to the Federal government for a mess of pottage in the form of Federal handouts. Florida, like all States has suffered from the "gimme, gimmies" and will pay the penalty unless its citizens return to the principles of self-dependence which made the separate States great in the past.

Governor-elect Caldwell has made a fine declaration of his keen interest in the job ahead and now it is up to the good people of the State to back him up.—Tampa Daily Times.

A One Hundred Percent County

COLLIER COUNTY HAS long boasted of its tax collecting record. In 1943 it showed a percentage of 99.9 of all tax levies for all the years since the formation of the county in 1923. Now comes a report from the county commissioners that the missing one-tenth of one percent has been made up, and

that the Collier record now stands 100 percent tax collection for 21 years.

That sounds like a national record. We don't believe any other county in the United States can show the collection of every cent of taxes due it. And this isn't all of the Collier County report—it has reduced its taxes and accumulated a large cash reserve, which it is investing in war bonds.

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civilian's car were from rabbits he had killed; that the red stain on a witness' dress was of tomato catsup. The mystery is unsolved.

★ A familiar and striking figure often seen in Homestead is that of Mrs. Jean Linderman, widow of an inventor who lives on a 16-acre key below Key Largo. Dressed in a Coast Guard boatswain's uniform, with a pistol strapped at her side, Mrs. Linderman, regularly patrols a key area alone in one of her boats. She was recently instrumental in the capture of an army deserter.

★ Thieves took \$200 from the safe of Tampa's Trinity Episcopal church.

★ At Boca Raton army air field, a skunk made news when it bit a man, died.

★ Deserted by his mother a year ago, a two-year-old boy, with club feet restored to 95 percent of normal was placed for adoption at St. Petersburg.

★ Floridians learned with interest that the first military government posters put up in Germany were posted by Major Scott Reynolds of Tallahassee, former drainage engineer of the State Road Department.

★ At Tampa a landlord applied for OPA approval of a rent increase on the ground that he had installed a ventilating system. Investigation revealed that the system consisted of an electric fan and installation—of plugging it in to a wall socket.

★ A Tampan was ordered by the court to restore \$600 allegedly embezzled from the property of his minor son.

★ A run-away horse damaged a truck in Tampa.

★ The court changed the name of Paul Truszczyński to Paul Trusen at Tampa.

★ In Pinellas County a mother was given two weeks to remedy home conditions which consisted of a rude barn shared by nine dogs, five horses, three calves, a cow, a flock of chickens, three young daughters, a baby and the mother, who explained that she had spent most of her \$160 a month allotment check from her husband overseas to buy livestock to start a riding academy.

★ A Miami woman received a check for one cent from the Federal government, said she would report it on her next income tax statement.

★ Tampa police were hunting the meanest man who purloined a saxophone from a blind musician.

★ A soldier at Pensacola made a lariat of a piece of rope, waded into the surf and walked out dragging a five-foot, 60-pound blue-back shark.

★ A cartridge belt apparently dropped from a Flying Fortress burned out power lines in Pinellas County.

★ If anyone has found a South American honey bear the boys at Naval Air Transport Squadron VR-6 would like to have it back.

★ A shipyard worker at Tampa applied for and was granted transfer to the day shift on his plea that his wife

was getting too much fun out of his assignment to night shift.

★ A girl without legs is making good as secretary at the Hillsborough County home and hospital.

★ Death ended the five-year sleep of a Miami girl afflicted with sleeping sickness.

★ The army's highest paid private, Pvt. John Laughman, 36 of Hendricks Field was naturalized at Tampa. With a wife and seven children to support, his total pay and allotments run to \$223 a month.

★ A veteran Tampa policeman admitted looting parking meters.

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Florida Bankers Told They Must Aid Little Businessmen

TO MAINTAIN private business and private banking in America, individual bankers throughout the Nation must be willing in the post-war period to back the little businessman by taking proper credit risks.

That, in effect, was the warning, given bankers from Hillsborough and eight surrounding counties by George E. Lewis, president of the Lewis State Bank of Tallahassee, at the annual meeting of group one, the first congressional district division of the State Bankers Association held at the Tampa Terrace Hotel. Lewis spoke on post-war small business loans.

He began by giving some highlights of the program of the American Bankers Association's post-war small business credit commission, recently formed to meet the government threat to private banking.

"The objective of the commission is to see that every competent individual, firm or corporation in the United States that needs bank credit will get money if it's to be used for constructive purposes that will serve the private enterprise of this country," said Lewis.

"The commission is not advocating banks to embark upon a program of reckless loans but simply urging them to be more alert to the sound credit needs of the public."

As alternatives, if the banks of the Nation do not do that job "in a first class way," Lewis said it was reasonable to assume that finance companies would occupy the term loan field to a certain extent, "which would no doubt cost business more money to get its financing," or the Federal government would extend its financing facilities.

"The banks are loaded up with money and have a great opportunity ahead to finance all worthwhile credit needs," he said.

"There are many bankers who believe the government will go further into business unless the banks are more aggressive in the lending field."

Lewis quoted an editorial in saying the trial of private banking was coming up, that while officials of the Federal supervisory authorities considered the regional credit pool program promoted by the American Bankers Association a good plan, they didn't believe enough bankers would follow it to prevent the future passage of two "threatening" bills.

"The program, to be successful, must be supported wholeheartedly by all of you, as well as practically all the banks of the Nation.

"Let us not be afraid to take proper credit risks and to strive to maintain private banking in America."

Carlisle Rogers of Leesburg, secretary of the association, said: "We, as bankers, might as well wake up to the things Mr. Lewis has said.

"By siding for the first time with the underdog, the little businessman who's been kicked around, we will be able to justify our existence."

V. H. Northcutt of Tampa, said: "As president of the Florida Bankers' Association, I assured the chairman of the post-war small business credit commission that the objectives of the ABA program would be transmitted to the Florida association in meetings like this.

"Florida bankers are being urged to get behind it and I believe they will, solidly."

Northcutt, who attended the recent regional conference of the commission in New Orleans, said it was up to chartered and State banks to prove there was no necessity for the government staying in the lending business after the cessation of hostilities.

"It's up to us to get our feet off the desk, go out and look over the business situation and make credit available to capable, competent men."

Northcutt then spoke of another great responsibility of bankers, that of putting over the Sixth war loan drive.

"Too many persons feel the big push in Europe is over," he said. "In my opinion, we're right in the thick of the fight. Trying to convince some that the war is not over will require

an increased sales effort on our part. "Never forget, it's to our advantage to curb inflation by helping put securities in the hands of as many persons as possible."

The meeting, presided over by E. C. Schoen was concluded with a talk on consumer credit by Linton E. Allen, president of the First National Bank of Orlando, and past president of the State association.

The district bankers were dinner guests of the Tampa Clearing House association.

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Resulting from this consolidation, N. S. Burns and H. W. Lucking of Dade City, who had already advanced toward a smaller locker plant here, turned over their promotion to the Bush Insulation Company, a New York concern which has already projected two similar plants at Sanford and Fort Myers.

The Bush Company was interested in coming to Florida by Nathan Mayo, commissioner of agriculture. Representatives have already proposed plants at Titusville, Wauchula and other State Farmers' Markets.

As projected, construction work would start on the plant as soon after Jan. 1 as it is possible to get priorities. Blueprints call for a steel and concrete one-story structure 178 feet long and 70 feet wide. The interior will contain, in addition to the locker plant, a total of 4,000 cubic feet of bulk storage space.

RAMIE EXPERIMENTS

War and election campaign news has crowded out of newspaper columns much of the prominence deserved the news that the Johns-Manville Company, a large national concern, has purchased 5,000 acres of land from the State for the purpose of establishing a ramie industry in Florida.

Site of the proposed ramie plantation is near Pahokee, in the Everglades regions, and close to where the State and Federal governments have been experimenting with ramie as a crop. The State experiment station showed production of 1,500 pounds of ramie fiber per acre from a harvest of 60,000 pounds of the matured plant.

The Johns-Manville Company has contract with the Navy Department for 10,000,000 pounds of ramie fiber, which will be used for various purposes. This fiber is far stronger than silk or cotton or wool. Campaigns for growing ramie in Florida have been started several times, but always came to naught because of the expense of reclaiming the fiber. Now, it is said, a decorticating machine has been perfected and is in use which will reclaim 85 percent of the fiber from the plant and is capable of still further improvement.

This country has been importing its ramie fiber from the Far East, where labor is cheap. Only there could it be commercially profitable as long as the fiber had to be reclaimed by hand process. The machine will make all the difference—if it works.

OCTOBER WHISKY TAX TOTALS MORE THAN MILLION DOLLARS

Beverage Director Edgar W. Scarborough reported total receipts of \$1,036,653 during October from beer, whisky and wine taxes. Only once before, in 1936, did alcoholic beverage taxes exceed a million dollars in a single month.

These collections were 21.75 percent above the \$851,446 received in October a year ago. They brought the total for the first four months of this fiscal year to \$3,070,024, 9.88 percent above receipts for the same period last year.

October customarily produces the year's greatest beverage taxes because it is the month in which annual liquor and beer licenses are renewed.

Scarborough reported the revenue from liquor licenses was up \$64,000 from last year, beer license receipts were up \$5,700, liquor sales taxes were up \$93,000 and beer sales taxes produced \$35,000 more. Wine tax receipts were down slightly.

RAT BAIT

Don't try to trap a rat with a piece of cheese, a University of Florida biologist advised today.

Pecan meats, fresh beef, bacon rind or sweet potatoes are the best bait, according to H. J. Spencer, Federal fish and wildlife service biologist at the university. He said the bait should be changed frequently and the location of the trap periodically.

With rat-borne endemic typhus still on the rise in Florida, Spencer suggests that you keep food and garbage in ratproof containers, eliminate piles of old paper which may provide harbor for rats and close all holes by which rats may enter the house or other buildings.

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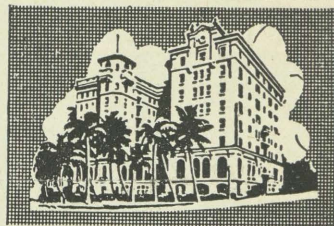
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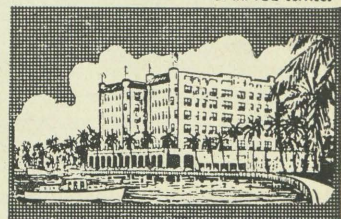
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Florida Power & Light Co. New Plant at Sarasota

Plans for post-war construction of a million and a half dollar plant in Sarasota have been disclosed by Phil B. Huguenin, Sarasota manager of the Florida Power & Light Co.

Huguenin said the plant, to be built as soon as materials become available, will be a modern new electric generating unit capable of producing six times as much power as the city now uses, as the company envisions a tremendous post-war expansion of the west coast territory it now serves.

Preliminary plans and specifications are already being drawn and the plant will be located on the Payne Terminal property, north of the city municipal auditorium. It is expected to have the plant in operation in time to meet demands of the 1945-46 winter season.

The unit will be of 18,000 kilowatt capacity and will produce 24,000 horsepower. The steam generators will be designed to supply steam at 850 pounds per square inch gauge and 900 degrees temperature at the turbine throttle.

The step, taken to meet the growing needs of the area, means that Sarasota will become a key city on the Florida Power & Light Company's interconnected system and that city will draw its power directly from the new plant. Now Sarasota and other west coast cities on Florida Power & Light Company lines draw their power from the cross-State transmission line and from small plants in Fort Myers, Sarasota, Bradenton, Arcadia and Punta Gorda.

The Sarasota plant will be the fourth major generating plant established by the concern and the first in the western part of the State. Other major plants are located on MacArthur Causeway in Miami Beach, on the shores of Lake Monroe near Sanford and near Fort Lauderdale.

Sugar Corporation Grinding 30,000 Acres of Sugarcane

Harvesting of the sugarcane crop in the Florida Everglades started at Clewiston during November, with production expected to exceed that of last year and with a good supply of labor on hand for the first time since the start of the war.

Jay W. Moran, executive vice president of the United States Sugar Corporation, largest single cane producer in continental United States, said, "We are starting our fourteenth harvest with a good supply of labor for the first time since Pearl Harbor, and anticipate that production this year will be better than that of last year."

Largest group of workers is composed of Jamaicans supplied through contracts with the War Food Administration. In addition, the company has a contingent of German war prisoners, who have proved satisfactory in

field operations, along with such domestic labor as is still available.

"Condition of the cane crop, despite the October hurricane, is advanced over that of a year ago. Conditions of growth were better and we were able to improve the cultivation of the fields because of a more ample labor supply during the cultivation season," Moran said.

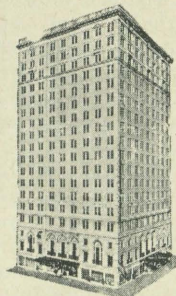
Approximately 30,000 acres of cane are available for grinding at the sugar house and, in addition to raw sugar, the company will produce five million gallons of blackstrap molasses.

Grinding operations at the sugar house started as the cane was brought in and will continue 24 hours a day until the close of the harvest.

A Lakeland employer was telling us that he went through his place of business the other day and fired employees right and left, getting rid of inefficient, discourteous and lazy help.

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Congressman Peterson Says Glades Park Plan Not Dead

The search for oil will not interfere with development of a great national park in the Florida Everglades, Congressman Peterson told the Tampa Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon meeting of the body.

Peterson, chairman of the house committee on public lands, said the committee had given serious thought to the proposed Everglades park, because the park service would not be able to accept lands for park purposes with any reservations.

He said they had worked out a plan that had been embodied in a bill he had introduced recently. It is now on the consent calendar for early passage.

"That park will mean much to Florida," he said. Peterson discussed the work of his committee, which has completed a comprehensive study of public lands.

He said 24 percent of the land area of the continental United States, 36 percent including territories, is still owned by the government, and much of it is so valuable in minerals that it will help to pay off the war debt.

In one county, he said, royalties from one mineral last year totaled more than \$500,000.

Only three or four percent of Florida land belongs to the government, he said, but the State holds large tracts.

ALL AWAKEN TO THE DANGER

It is a fine thing to see so many important organizations alive to the danger threatening Florida's fresh water and through it all the citrus, tourist, agricultural, livestock, municipal and living welfare of the State.

Today water control will be the main topic at the meeting of the American Waterworks Association at St. Petersburg; at Tampa on Dec. 4 will head the program of the Florida Chamber of Commerce; on Dec. 7 it will be the chief item on the program of the Soil Science Association of Florida in Orlando; it is a major concern of the Everglades Drainage District, of the cities along the two coasts, of the U. S. Sugar Corporation and of all who want to continue to live in this State.

Gov. Holland of late has repeatedly stressed the urgency of water control and Governor-elect Caldwell has made it one of the chief studies of his pre-induction research, all of which makes brighter the prospect of doing something about it.

The State departments of agriculture and geology have endorsed the view that the situation each year becomes more critical and some of the lawmakers have been giving the subject their close attention.

One of the latest in the field is that important body known as the State Planning Board, some of the members of which begin to realize that all their

planning will go for nothing if water conservation is neglected.

Having been among those who sounded the alarm of a vanishing water reserve, and having been active in the formation of Central Florida, Inc., to take reparatory measures in time, we are gratified at the State-wide recognition of the danger we have repeatedly heralded, and the growing likelihood of having something done about it in time, which must be soon. —Orlando Morning Sentinel.

According to no less an authority than Governor Holland, the 15,621 Floridians who, as of October 1, have been returned from service in the war, "practically all" have found civilian jobs. Florida can furnish jobs for all its own servicemen and women, but only through a lot of commonsense planning and good teamwork.—Melbourne Times.

GILBERT FREEMAN DIES IN TALLAHASSEE

Gilbert Freeman, 50, secretary of Comptroller J. M. Lee since 1933 died from a heart attack at his home in Tallahassee October 31.

A native of Tampa, Mr. Freeman was graduated from Hillsborough high school in 1914, worked for The Tribune as sports editor and assistant city editor until he bought the Highlands Sun at Avon Park in 1922. He went into Comptroller Lee's office 11 years ago, although he continued publication of the Highlands Sun.

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1945 State Census Expected To Show Increase in Population

THE STATE census of 1945 should, in the opinion of the chief enumerator, reveal a 35 percent increase in Florida's population since 1935. H. L. Shearer, who handles the decennial count for Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo, figures the number of the State's inhabitants has grown from 1,606,892 to 2,180,315.

Of these, Shearer reckons 1,116,382 will be found in rural areas and 1,063,933 in cities of more than 5,000 persons, against 1935's 613,972 countrymen and 989,743 city dwellers.

The 1940 Federal census showed Florida had 1,897,414 residents, with 851,623 living in rural areas and 1,045,791 in cities of more than 2,500 population. Many Florida communities are in the 2,500-5,000 category counted as rural by the State and urban by the Federal government.

Shearer did his estimating so the 1945 legislature would know how much money will be needed for the census.

County enumerators, appointed by Commissioner Mayo, are paid 10 cents for each rural name and three and a half cents for urban registrations. Out of their compensation, the county enumerators pay all expenses, including the hire of assistants.

The count would have started Jan. 1, 1945 if members of the 1943 legislature from Polk County, likely to lose one of its three representatives either to Palm Beach or Escambia County, had not staved off authorization until the 1945 session.

That means the automatic reappointment in the house of representatives under the constitution cannot become operative until the 1947 session. The State's five largest counties have three representatives, the next 18 two each, and the remainder one.

Eleven questions were asked by enumerators in 1935, but one may be changed next year. Shearer isn't sure whether the question of home ownership shall be included.

The other questions are: Name, address, rural or urban, age, sex, race, relation to rest of family, place of birth, degree of education and occupation.

Among the county enumerators thus far appointed are:

Alachua County, W. H. Sealey of Alachua.

Bay, Hugh J. Benton of Bay Harbor. Bradford, W. M. Edwards of Starke. Calhoun, Mrs. D. E. Clark of Blountstown.

Columbia, C. R. Davis of Lake City. Dade, Dewey Hilsabeck of Miami. Duval, George B. Marshall of Jacksonville.

Franklin, Mrs. Eleanor H. Floyd of Apalachicola.

Gadsden, C. L. Timmons of Gretna. Holmes, Marcus Huggins, Route 2, Geneva, Ala.

Jackson, Harry O. Simmons of Marianna.

Marion, Mrs. Lillian M. Burke of Ocala.

Nassau, Mrs. Leroy Jones of Callahan.

Okaloosa, Earl Kennedy of Baker. Orange, L. S. Caine of Orlando.

Polk, W. D. Gray of Winter Haven. Santa Rosa, Broward Jayne of Milton.

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Does Seem Long Forgotten!

An old-timer is the one who can recall when there was a class of economists who would get disturbed about the public debt.—Pensacola Journal.

More farm people were killed by accidents in America's first two years of participation in the war than the number of fighting men killed in the war itself.

The first commissioned naval officer in the United States was in the Revenue Cutter service, forerunner of the present Coast Guard. He was commissioned by President Washington.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES GET 3-YEAR SENTENCES

In a Tampa courtroom empty except for defendants and court officials, five Jehovah's Witnesses were sentenced to serve three years each in a Federal penitentiary for failure to report for induction into the armed forces.

Both trials and sentences of members of the religious sect usually are attended by capacity crowds of Jehovah's Witnesses, but Federal Judge Ackerman called the sentencing without previous announcement.

The five, found guilty by alternating petit juries are: Lesbur Bleich, 18, Lutz; John Downing, 21, St. Petersburg; Elmer Lewis Milliken, 19; Rex Osborn, 23, Fort Myers, and Deorcy Howard Trice, 24, Valrico.

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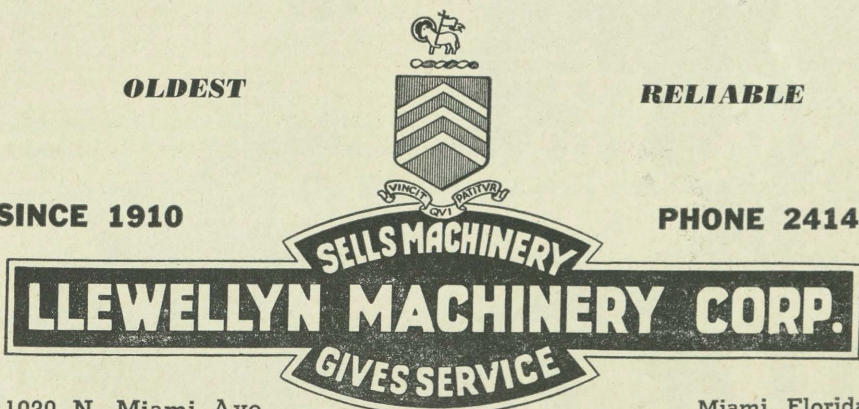
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by making available the full amount of State's appropriation which has continued during each year of his administration.

Pension funds of the teachers' retirement system have increased from \$520,862 on hand January 1, 1941, to \$3,473,000 on hand at the present time.

The refunding of many school bond issues at more favorable rates of interest, was due, in part, to the improved tax structure and to the relief of the counties from their road debt burden by the gas tax amendment.

Everglades Bonds

After a long period of distress and burdensome taxation, hanging like a cloud over the rich Everglades area, a problem irksome to the people and property owners of the district and of great importance to the entire State was solved when negotiations, initiated and pressed by Governor Holland, with the able assistance of the cabinet and the district board, resulted in reduction of the bonded and other indebtedness of the Everglades Drainage District from \$16,000,000 to a net of \$4,000,000. The direct interest of the State government was represented by two million acres of State land within

the district but the State and all its people had a deep interest in the solution of this troublesome problem in order to encourage development of the vast and rich Everglades area.

Under the plan now in effect, retirement of the present indebtedness may be expected within 16 years at an enormous saving in interest charges, as the average rate of interest on the new bonds is $3\frac{1}{2}$ percent as contrasted with $5\frac{1}{2}$ percent rate on the old bonds.

Public Assistance

During the administration of Governor Holland, who is deeply interested in maximum assistance to the needy, grants for old age assistance, for aid to the blind and for aid to dependent children have all been substantially increased. Average payments for the aged, nearly 38,945 in number, have been increased from \$12.01 to a new high of \$28.40, substantially higher than that of any other Southeastern State and a little above the national average. The maximum grant of \$40 a month is now being made to 6,386 and, for the first time, all payments represent 100 percent of the budget of individual need as drawn up for each recipient. Aid to the blind, now also at full individual need levels, has been increased

to an average of \$29.49 and is being paid to 2,274. Grants to 8,000 dependent children have been increased to \$14 average or about \$33 for each family receiving this assistance.

Unemployment Compensation

The pool of funds available for unemployment compensation, which is a vital factor in solving the problems that will arise in the post-war period, has been increased from \$12,015,411.78 to \$46,664,144.25 as of November 1 and will approach \$50,000,000 by the end of the year. This fund is administered in a carefully planned program approved by the Federal government and gives assurance to labor, business and the general public that a considerable amount of distress from unemployment and collapse of buying power will not occur after the war has ended. Cordial relations between employer and employee were improved.

State legislation enacted during the Holland administration broadened the base of unemployment compensation to include seasonal citrus workers. Workmen's compensation benefits were broadened from a former minimum payment of \$4 per week and a maximum of \$18 per week to a minimum of \$8 and a maximum of \$22. Also medi-

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cal benefits were increased from a maximum of \$500 to a maximum of \$1,500.

National Defense Measures

When the war clouds were heavy over our State and Nation, the War Department requested the various States to organize for civilian defense for the purpose of protecting its citizens from danger and distress growing out of war conditions. Governor Holland recommended legislation which established the State Defense Force and the State Defense Council and placed them under able leadership where they prepared for unpredictable disaster and distress. A total of 338,000 of our citizens gave their time unselfishly to render this and other unpaid wartime service. Numerous measures in the field of health, control of social disease, additional regulation of sale of liquor and many others requested by the Army and Navy were enacted by the legislature on the recommendation of the governor.

Financial Condition

In cash, investments and unemployment reserves, the State had in all current operations and trust funds at the beginning of the Holland administration about \$45,000,000 with many unpaid past-due obligations. It will have at the end of this administration well over double that amount or over \$90,000,000. All bills are paid and every fund is on a current basis.

The State's general revenue fund

has improved from an unpaid indebtedness of \$1,700,000 to a paid-up status with \$8,352,378.26 on hand as of October 30, 1944.

Other Accomplishments

Many other accomplishments of the Holland administration are outlined briefly under the separate articles in this issue but others could not be so recorded. Accomplishments include:

Establishment by a constitutional amendment of a board with broad powers to make flexible rules for the purpose of promoting conservation of fresh water fish and game. This needed legislation protects the State's great natural resources of fish and game which all good sportsmen strongly desire.

Establishment of the Parole Commission.

Establishment by a constitutional amendment of a short method of adopting amendments in emergency cases.

Legislation providing that the term of all appointive officers known as the Little Cabinet end with the term of the governor.

Reorganization and strengthening of the State Highway Patrol on a civil service basis, broadening its service to the public, including short wave radio service for transmission of police information and the definite promotion of greater safety on the State highways.

Establishment of the Florida Economic Advancement Council with a Washington, D. C., office.

Regulation of the practice of salary buying, thus closing a gap in the State law prohibiting excessive interest on small loans.

Repeal of the gross receipts tax, a burdensome and unpopular levy on the merchants of Florida.

Establishment of the Capitol Center to provide additional space for offices of State government.

Appropriations for needed State buildings, including a south wing for the State capitol and others in various State institutions.

Support of the Everglades National Park Project, the Stephen Foster Memorial, the St. Augustine Restoration Project, and a carefully planned program for extension of State parks.

A definite effective participation by the State administration in all civilian war plans and close cooperation with the commanding officers of the Army and Navy installations in Florida.

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STATE GEOLOGIST GUNTER WILL SPEAK ON STATE WATER LEVEL

Herman Gunter, State geologist will lead the round-table discussion on water level control at the annual meeting of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce in Tampa on December 4-5.

"It has become evident to business that some effective means of controlling water levels is a matter of prime importance to Florida," Carl D. Brorein, program chairman said, "and it is equally evident that such control must be exercised on a State-wide basis and probably will require legislative action to be as effective as it must be to protect all interests in the State. For that reason, we consider this problem one of the most important slated for discussion at the annual meeting of the State chamber."

Other participants in the discussion, according to Brorein are: G. E. Ferguson, district engineer, U. S. Department of the Interior Geological Survey, Ocala; Fred C. Elliot, secretary and engineer of the Internal Improvement Board, Tallahassee; H. H. Cooper, engineer in charge of U. S. Geological Survey, Tallahassee; Gerald G. Parker, geologist in charge of U. S. Geological Survey, Miami; George Simmons, Jr., planning engineer, Jacksonville.

TITLE TO HECKSHER DRIVE PASSES TO ROAD DEPARTMENT

The State Road Department has acquired title to Hecksher Drive, a million dollar road from Jacksonville to Pilot Town, at a cost of \$122,500.

The department took over the drive several months ago and freed it of tolls but the final purchase was deferred pending clearing of the title.

In addition to the road, built in 1927, the department received title to Little Talbot island north of Pilot Town and property for a causeway to link the end of Hecksher Drive with the island.

PINES FOR REFORESTATION

The State nursery at Olustee is keeping up its program of reforestation despite shortage of labor. It announces that 2,500,000 slash pine seedlings for reforestation purposes will be available to landowners this season. Planting time begins Dec. 1, but the demand is so great for the little trees that those who want them had better get orders in early.

Trees are supplied at \$2.85 per thousand, prepaid to any point in the State.

Largest purchasers each year are the three paper pulp mills in north Florida. Last year the three mills purchased 1,500,000 of the little trees and already have placed orders for 1,600,000 of the present stock. The mill owners will distribute the seedlings among landowners who are under contract to raise them to pulp wood size and sell the supply to the mills.

ST. PETERSBURG AND FORT MYERS REFUNDING BONDS

St. Petersburg has sold to a banking group headed by Allen & Co., of New York, \$18,000,000 in refunding bonds for 98 cents on the dollar with an interest rate of 2¾ percent. This figures at an over-all rate of 2.87 percent.

The new bonds will be used to take up present issues totaling \$18,000,000, all that are outstanding against the city, on which the interest rate is three percent.

A \$2,800,000 issue of city of Fort Myers refunding bonds have been validated by the supreme court. The court ruled that the debt refinancing need not await determination of claims by holders of old bonds for additional interest they contend is due them.

The city has agreed to issue the new bonds "in order to secure substantial reductions" in interest rates. They would replace a 1939 issue bearing interest at rates ranging from two to five percent.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY BRIDGE STORY

Since Bob Lancaster told us that he had a system for fishing whereby he tied his line to a span of the bridge and never bothered until he felt the bridge shake, our county commissioners investigated and have discovered that the bridge has been pulled out of line until it almost forms a crescent. They have notified him that he must stop making such use of the bridge or they will be compelled to make him pay the cost of its repair. "But," says Bob, "all I need do now is to fish from the other side and draw the bridge back into line."—Mayo Free Press.

ELLIOT ASKS RELEASE

Fred C. Elliot, secretary of the Budget Commission has asked the cabinet to relieve him of his duties so he can devote full time to his position as secretary of the Internal Improvement Fund trustees.

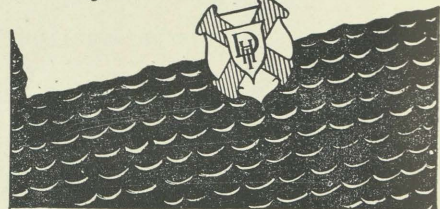
Mr. Elliot recommended that a full-time budget director with one assistant be employed, and that legislation be sought to provide more complete budgetary control over expenditures of State departments and agencies.

The cabinet asked Elliot to draw up a formal statement of his recommendations for future consideration.



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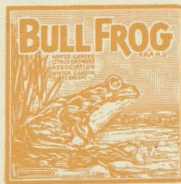


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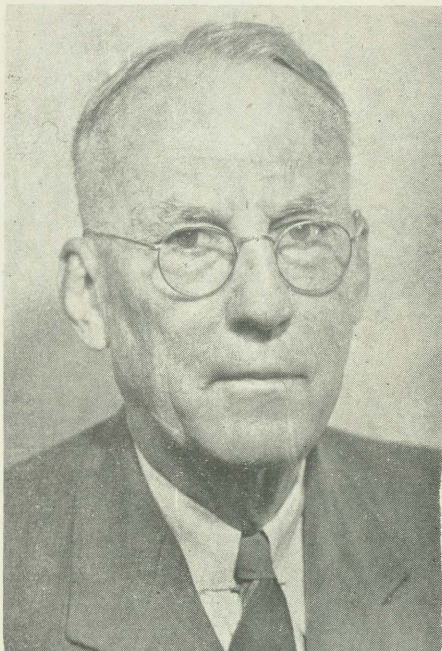
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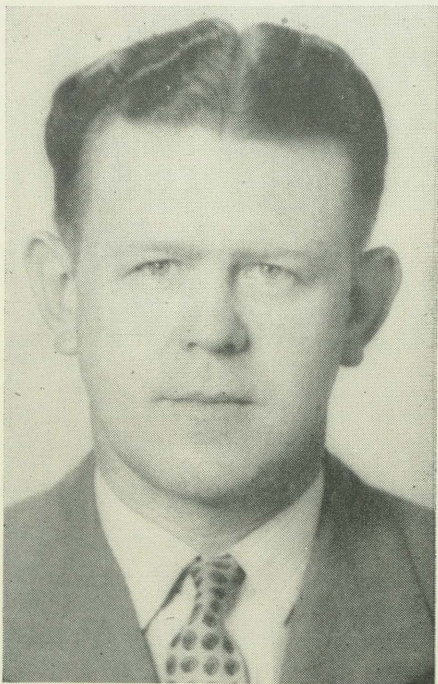
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ENEMY PATENTS TO BE SOLD TO FLORIDA FIRMS

Shipbuilders who are not now engaged in war work or who are now making plans for post-war activities will have an opportunity for assistance in their planning and also have a chance to purchase enemy patents which are suitable for Florida production at a meeting in Jacksonville Dec. 6.

Z. H. Pilcher, manager of the Tampa Smaller War Plants Corporation office, said that a special conference has been called in Jacksonville and all small boat builders are urged to attend. Specialists from the Washington SWPC office will attend the meeting and assist them in making plans for post-war activities.

The meeting, originally scheduled for Nov. 20, was changed to coincide with the exhibit of alien patents now available.

"There are more than 45,000 alien patents now under the control of the alien property custodian and which may be purchased for \$15 each," Pilcher said. "Many of these are very easily adaptable to Florida operating conditions and may well decide whether some of our manufacturers will continue to do business or fold up when the war ends."

The patents are cataloged and officials will be on hand to make suggestions of available patents which would be of interest to Florida manufacturers, Pilcher said.

Licenses on the patents are sold by the government's custodian and are valid for the life of the patent. All patents are valid for 17 years, when they become public property, but many of these have a number of years yet to run before they are no longer valid.

Pilcher said that while the patent offered the manufacturer all necessary information for carrying out the operation intended by the patent, they did not have the protective feature of normal patents because the government could sell the same patent to any number of purchasers.

Question: What are the ABC's of safe driving?

Answer: A — Alertness; B — Basic Skill; C—Concentration, Caution.

LEE COUNTY MULLET SEASON EXTENDED FOR TWENTY DAYS

The closed mullet season in Lee County waters was suspended by the State Conservation Commission for the first 20 days to produce enough fish to enable a new dehydrating plant at Fort Myers to meet its first government order.

The plant was ready to go into operation the day of the hurricane last month but was put out of operation by the storm.

THESE MODERN INVENTIONS

A certain well-known Hollywood picture producer visited an elaborate garden set which had been constructed for his latest super-production. The technicians had fashioned the setting with a truly lavish hand, and proudly pointed out the countless beautiful and realistic touches they had imparted to it. The great man was well pleased until he came upon a sun dial set in the middle of the garden.

"What's this?" he asked suspiciously.

"Why, that's a sun dial," he was told.

"What does it do?"

A technician patiently explained how a blade was set upon the stone so that when the sun shone upon it a shadow fell upon the dial, indicating the time of day.

"Gosh," exclaimed the producer, with reverent awe, "What won't you boys think of next!"

DOCUMENTARY KNOWLEDGE

An old negro had just paid the last instalment on his little homestead. The real estate man congratulated him. "Now, Uncle Joe," he said, "I'll make you a deed to the place."

"Thank ye, sah," said the old man, "but iffen hits jes de same t' you, I'd ruther you'd give me a mortgage to de place."

"But you don't understand, Uncle Joe," said the kindly realtor. "A deed is what you really want."

"Well," said the old man hesitatingly, "all I knows is dat I owned me a farm one time befo'. I had de deed and de bank had de mortgage. An' first I knowed, the bank done got de farm."

MARRIED IN HASTE

In the hustling crowd which thronged the railroad station, a glamor girl in a bridal veil was waving to a corporal on the rear platform of an outgoing train. Suddenly her face registered panic. "Darling," she shrieked, "I forgot to ask you. What is our last name?"

Though you may want to swing on a star,

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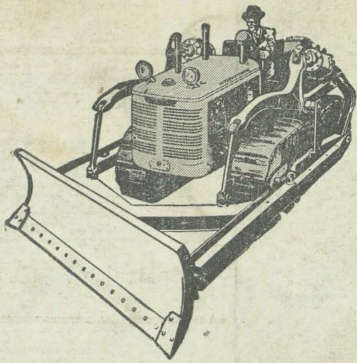
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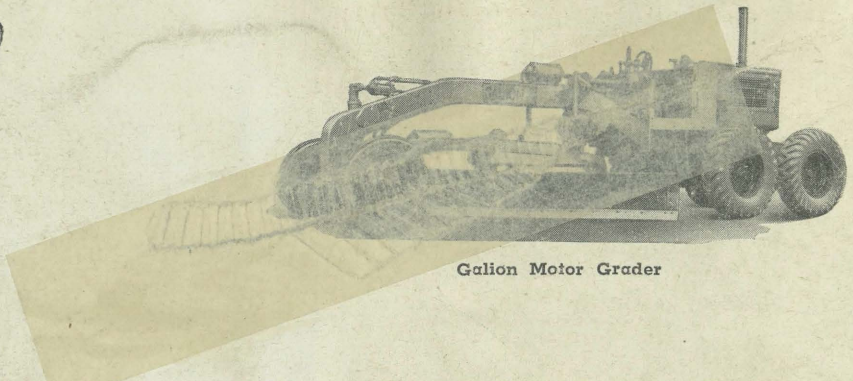
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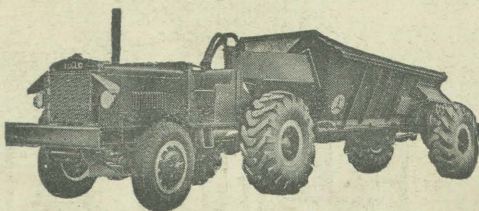
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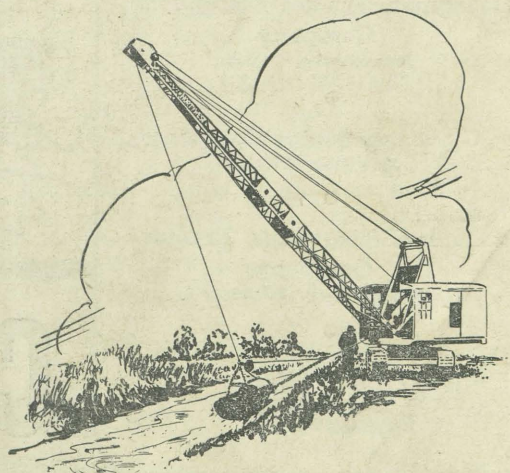
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